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A day after the arrest of ADGP Amrit Paul in the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam, the Opposition Congress demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai for allegedly making attempts to protect some politicians and officials.

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'Threat' to judge: In-house probe sought

BENGALURU

The Advocates' Association, Bengaluru on Tuesday demanded an in-house investigation into the issue of 'threat' posed to Justice H.P. Sandesh, a judge of the High Court, for questioning the functioning of the ACB.

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Raipur police stranded as U.P. team whisks away TV anchor

Rohit Ranjan is wanted in connection with a fake video of Rahul Gandhi

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A team of the Chhattisgarh Police reached Ghaziabad on Tuesday morning to arrest television news anchor Rohit Ranjan for the telecast of allegedly misleading video on a statement by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

However, in a dramatic turn of events, the Raipur team was allegedly obstructed by the Uttar Pradesh Police, who took Mr. Ranjan along with them for questioning in connection with a first information report (FIR) lodged in Gautam Buddha Nagar on the same misleading video by Zee News.

Till late evening, Mr. Ranjan was being interrogated by the Gautam Buddha Nagar police and had not been produced in court.

The Chhattisgarh Police said they would seek legal remedies to secure his custody.

High drama: Personnel of the Ghaziabad and Chhattisgarh Police end up on the opposite side of each other at the house of Zee News anchor Rohit Ranjan in Ghaziabad. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Deliberate interference'

The incident snowballed into a political row with the Congress charging the Uttar Pradesh government with deliberate interference in an ongoing investigation to shield an accused. It charged that this was the second time, after the Delhi and Punjab Police ended up in a stalemate over the arrest of BJP leader Tajinder Bagga, that a police force reporting to a BJP government has obstructed the arrest of an accused by the police of a non-BJP-ruled State.

Udayan Dehar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Raipur, who was leading the team, said when they reached Mr. Ranjan's residence in the Indirapuram area of Ghaziabad with non-bailable warrants issued by a Chief Judicial Magistrate court in Raipur, the journalist did not cooperate and called up the police from the local police station. "The police officials stopped us from taking him into custody despite us showing them the warrant and our identity cards. They took Mr. Ranjan away in a private vehicle. When we objected, we were pushed back. When we reached the Indirapuram police station, he had already been shifted," Mr. Dehar said.

Police sources said Mr. Ranjan was first taken to the Sector 20 police station of Noida, and from there he was taken to an undisclosed location. Mr. Dehar further said it was not right to take away an accused against whom non-bailable warrants had been issued for questioning, and that the Chhattisgarh Police would approach the court.

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Centre to soften punitive steps in environment cases

Ministry points to suggestions to 'decriminalise' provisions

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

The Union Environment Ministry proposes to soften the provisions of the Environment Protection Act (EPA) by replacing a clause that provides for imprisoning violators with one that only requires them to pay a fine. This, however, does not apply to violations that cause grave injury or loss of life. The proposed fines, in lieu of imprisonment, are five to 500 times greater than those currently levied.

The Act currently says that violators will be punishable with imprisonment up to five years or a fine up to ₹1 lakh, or both. Were violations to continue, an additional fine of up to ₹5,000 daily during which such failure or contravention continues after the conviction would be levied. There is also a provision for jail terms to extend to seven years.

The Environment Ministry, in a note this week laying out the rationale governing the amendments, said that it had received "suggestions" to decriminalise existing provisions of the EPA to weed out "fear of imprisonment for simple violations".

The two major changes proposed are appointing an "adjudication officer" who will decide on the penalty in cases of environmental violations such as reports not being submitted or information not provided when demanded. "However, in case of serious violations which lead to grievous injury or loss of life, they shall be covered under the provision of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 read with Section 24 of the EP Act," the document says.

Funds collected as penalties would be accrued in an "Environmental Protection Fund". In case of contraventions of the Act, the penalties could extend to anywhere from ₹5 lakh to ₹5 crore, it says. The Ministry has sought comments from the public on its proposals until July 21. The removal of prison terms also applies to the Air Act, which is the cornerstone legislation for dealing with air pollution, and the Water Act, which deals with violations to water bodies.

Fine print | What the amendments to the Environment Protection Act entail:

- Imprisonment for minor violations goes. The fines, in lieu of prison term, will be five to 500 times more than current penalties
- An adjudication officer will decide on penalty in cases of violations such as reports not being submitted
- In case of serious violations which lead to grievous injury or loss of life, provisions of the Indian Penal Code with Section 24 of the Act will kick in
- Funds collected as penalties will go to an environmental protection fund

Choked river: A man rowing in the polluted Yamuna in New Delhi on Tuesday. • A. V. MOORTHY

Vastu expert murdered in Hubballi; two held

KARNATAKA BUREAU
HUBBALLI/BELAGAVI

'Sarala Vastu' expert Chandrashekhar 'Guruji' alias Chandrashekhar Virupaksha Angadi, who had set up offices across Karnataka and neighbouring States, was murdered in broad daylight in the lobby of a private hotel in Hubballi on Tuesday.

Acting swiftly, the Hubballi police, with the help of the Belagavi police, nabbed the accused in the neighbouring Belagavi district.

Chandrashekhar 'Guruji'

The accused have been identified as Mahantesh Shirol and Manjunath Marewad.

According to the police, the murder took place around 12 noon. Two persons, who reportedly posed as Mr. Chandrashekhar's followers, stabbed him multiple times in the lobby and fled. The incident was caught on the hotel's CCTV camera. The footage shows the accused stabbing Mr. Chandrashekhar multiple times and threatening the hotel staff with knives when they tried to rush to his rescue. Mr. Chandrashekhar was staying in the hotel for the last few days and the assailants attacked him when he entered the lobby.

The accused reportedly used to work for Mr. Chandrashekhar earlier and had quit the job following a dispute over business deals. The accused were traced with the help of their mobile phone location and nabbed near Ramdurg in Belagavi.

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Blow to U.K. PM as two Ministers resign

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON

In a huge blow to embattled British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, two of his senior Cabinet colleagues, including Chancellor Rishi Sunak, resigned on Tuesday, as they expressed their loss of confidence in his leadership amidst a spate of scandals.

The 42-year-old British Indian Minister posted his resignation letter on Twitter soon after another Cabinet colleague, U.K. Health Secretary Sajid Javid, resigned.

The ministerial exits will come as a big blow to Mr. Johnson's leadership and follow a day of high political drama since a former civil servant spoke out about Downing Street's handling of groping allegations against recently suspended MP Chris Pincher.

"The public rightly expect government to be conducted properly, competently and seriously," Mr. Sunak tweeted.

"I recognise this may be last ministerial job, but I believe these standards are worth fighting for and that is why I am resigning," he said.

It came soon after Mr. Johnson said he "bitterly regrets" giving Mr. Pincher a government role as Deputy Chief Whip after being made aware of a misconduct complaint against him.

Mr. Javid, a 52-year-old British citizen of Pakistani origin, in his resignation letter said, "We [Conservative party] may not have always been popular, but we have been competent in acting in the national interest. Sadly, in the current circumstances, the public are concluding that we are now neither."

ACB raids on Zameer's properties

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

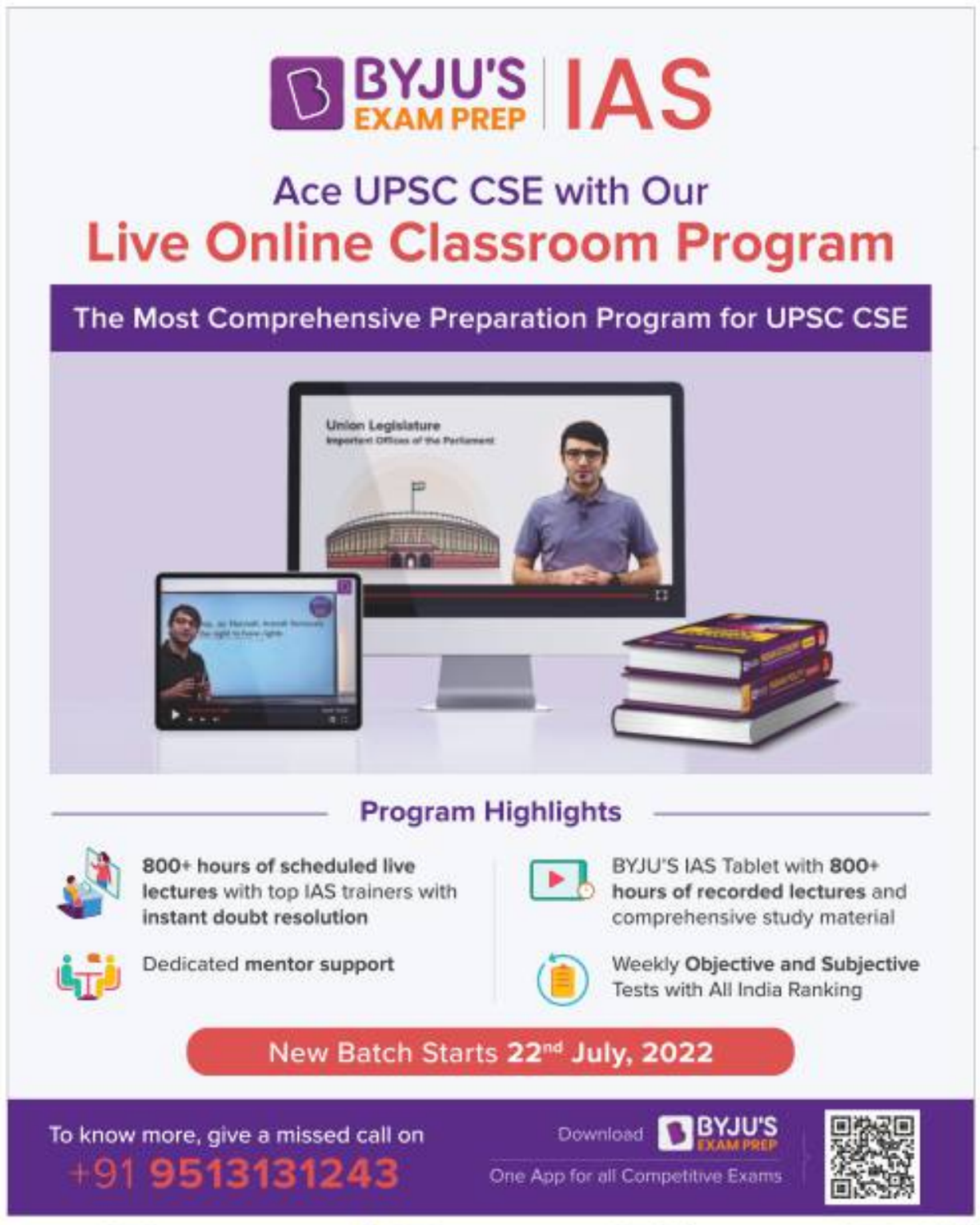
The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted simultaneous searches on five places belonging to Congress MLA for Chamarajpet constituency B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan on Tuesday.

The raids were carried out based on the Enforcement Directorate's report on disproportionate assets.

Five teams of ACB officials carried out searches at the house of Mr. Khan situated close to Cantonment railway station, a flat in Silver Oak Apartments, guest house at Sadashivanagar, GK Enterprises office at Banashankari, and National Travels office at Kalasipalyam. The officials recovered documents and are verifying them, said sources.

Supporters of the MLA gathered in front of his residence and staged a protest accusing the government of targeting their leader. The police dispersed them citing the Karnataka High Court directions against protests within city limits.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the raids were part of a "continuous process" that had been taken up in the backdrop of a High Court order on probing the pending cases. Referring to protests by the MLA's supporters, he said there would not be any obstruction for officials to discharge their duties.



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Accessible for all

20 The number of airports equipped with ambulifts to help flyers with disabilities or reduced mobility in boarding an aircraft under the Centre's Accessible India campaign, according to the Disability Affairs Department. These airports include Vijayawada, Kanpur, Port Blair, Jodhpur, Belgaum, Silchar, Jharsuguda, Rajkot and Hubli. The initiative has been taken to facilitate passengers in wheelchairs and on stretchers. 35 international airports and 55 domestic airports are now accessible to people with mobility issues. PTI

Coal output rises

61 In percentage, the growth in coal output in India in the April-June quarter to 42.40 lakh metric tonnes (MT) from 26.40 lakh MT in the same period a year ago, according to State-owned power giant NTPC. The three operational coal mines — Pakri-Barwadih (Jharkhand), Dulanga (Odisha) and Talaipalli (Chhattisgarh) have contributed to achieving this coal production output, the NTPC statement said. The production of coal during June 2022 almost doubled to 15.55 lakh MT from 7.73 lakh MT in the same month a year ago. PTI

Vaccination coverage

91 The percentage of India's adult population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. The total number of vaccine doses administered in the country crossed 198 crore. More than 10 lakh vaccine doses were administered till 7 pm on Monday. So far, 60.57 lakh precaution doses have been administered to those in the 18-59 age group, the Ministry said. Over 3.69 crore children in the 12-14 age group and more than 6.05 crore adolescents in the 15-18 age group have been given the first dose. PTI

Sydney floods

50,000 The number of people affected by the floods that hit Sydney as hundreds of homes have been inundated in and around Australia's largest city, according to officials. Emergency response teams made 100 rescues overnight of people trapped in cars on flooded roads or in inundated homes in the Sydney area, State Emergency Service manager Ashley Sullivan said. Days of torrential rain have caused dams to overflow and waterways to break their banks. AP

Re-building Ukraine

750 In $ billion, the estimated cost required for the reconstruction of Ukraine, according to President Volodymyr Zelensky. Speaking at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Switzerland, the Ukrainian President and a long line of government Ministers described the massive destruction and towering needs since Russia attacked Ukraine on February 24. In a video message, Zelensky said that the reconstruction of Ukraine was not the task of a single nation, but the task of the whole democratic world. AFP

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EXPLAINER

The relentless march of FPIs to the exit gate

Why are Foreign Portfolio Investors exiting the Indian market? How has the Russia- Ukraine war contributed to this?

THE GIST

- Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have been on a selling spree in India. June 2022 witnessed the worst sell-off since March 2020 — when India announced a nationwide lockdown — at ₹50,000 crore.
- Post-pandemic, recovery in the Indian economy has been uneven. As the industry was grappling with this challenge, came Russia's invasion of Ukraine which led to a rise in global prices. Add to this mix the U.S. Federal Reserve raising the benchmark interest rate starting March this year. All of these have made Indian assets 'risky'.
- When FPIs sell their holdings and repatriate funds back to their home markets, the local currency takes a beating. With a weaker rupee, we have to shell out more funds to import the same unit of goods.

K. BHARAT KUMAR

The story so far: Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have been on a selling spree in India. June 2022 witnessed the worst sell-off since March 2020 – when India announced a nationwide lockdown – at ₹50,000 crore. This comes on the back of May's sell-off figures of about ₹44,000 crore. June was also the ninth on the trot that FPIs had sold net of their assets – ie, sold more than they had purchased. Their selling actions have triggered a significant decline in benchmark indices, resulting in a drop in market capitalisation of companies.

What are FPIs?

Foreign portfolio investors are those that invest funds in markets outside of their home turf. Their investments typically include equities, bonds and mutual funds. They are generally not active shareholders and do not exert any control over the companies whose shares they hold. The passive nature of their investment also allows them to enter or exit a stock at will and with ease.

What factors spur FPI moves?

Promise of attractive returns on the back of economic growth draws investors including FPIs into a country's markets. For example, as per data from the National Securities Depositories Ltd. (NDSL), FPIs brought in about ₹3,682 crore in 2002. This grew to ₹1.79 lakh crore in 2010. This correlates with the concurrent expansion of economic output in that period, despite the 2008 global financial crisis which saw FPI sell-offs in that time-frame in the country. The year 2017 saw FPI inflows exceed ₹2 lakh crore.

Likewise, FPIs withdrew ₹1.18 lakh crore in March 2020 alone – the month when India announced a nationwide lockdown, triggering concerns around economic growth. In tandem, benchmark stock index Sensex fell from 42,270 in February 2020 to 25,630 in March 2020.

FPIs also show keenness to invest in bonds when there is a favourable differential between the real interest rates on offer in the country they aim to invest in, and other markets, but more specifically, compared with the largest economy in the world, the U.S.

Why have FPIs been selling India holdings?

FPIs sold assets worth about ₹50,000 crore in June 2022. This is the second highest sell-off in a month since 1993, after March 2020.

Post-pandemic, recovery in the Indian economy has been uneven. The second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 devastated lives and livelihoods. The economy stuttered again when a third, albeit less severe, wave saw the spread of the Omicron variant early this year. Add to this the return of pent-up demand in economies worldwide as the pandemic subsided. The pace of recovery caught suppliers off guard, contributing to supply-side shortages.

As the industry was grappling with this challenge, came Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Sunflower and wheat supplies, to name just two commodities, from these two nations were impacted, leading to a rise in global prices for these crops. As supplies in general tightened across the globe, commodity prices too rose and overall inflation accelerated. India witnessed a quickening pace in price rise that stayed above the Reserve Bank's upper comfort level of 6% for five months running, touching 7.8% in April, before receding to a slightly less aggressive 7.04% in the subsequent month.

Industrial production has seen a bumpy ride without giving confidence of a full and final recovery from the pandemic. For example, the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) slid to 53.9 in June – the lowest level in nine months – from 54.6 in the previous month. Experts attribute this to inflation pressures, which also dampened business confidence sentiment to a 27-month low in June, as per survey-based findings. Consumption expenditure too has remained weak in the subcontinent.

With each of these factors contributing to a decline in confidence of robust economic performance, FPIs have been exiting market investments over these past months. Add to the mix the U.S. Federal Reserve raising the benchmark interest rate starting March this year. On June 15, the Fed announced the most aggressive interest rate increase in almost 30 years, raising the benchmark borrowing rate by 0.75 percentage points in its battle against surging inflation. The key rate range had gone up from 0-0.25% in March to 0.75-1% in May.

When the differential between the interest rates in the U.S. and other markets narrow, and if such an occurrence is accompanied by the strengthening of the dollar, then the ability of investors to realise healthy returns is impacted. For returns are measured not only by the value appreciation of assets but also by exchange rate changes. If the dollar strengthens against the rupee, then an investor is able to realise fewer dollars for a given quantum of rupee assets liquidated. Further, if inflation quickens in the overseas market where the investor has placed funds in, then real returns are even further impacted.

They then tend to exit assets seen as 'risky' such as in emerging markets like India, Brazil or South Africa. And indeed, the rupee has been depreciating against the dollar, which has seen a general strengthening against several other currencies. The rupee touched its record low of 79.33 against the greenback on Tuesday.

What impact does an FPI sell-off have?

When FPIs sell their holdings and repatriate funds back to their home markets, the local currency takes a beating. After all, they sell rupees in exchange for their home market currency. As supply of the rupee in the market rises, its value declines. In this instance, the rupee has been seeing all-time lows recently. About a year ago, it was trading in the region of 73 to a U.S. dollar; it is now flirting with the 78 level. With a weaker rupee, we have to shell out more funds to import the same unit of goods. The most telling impact is on the cost of our crude oil imports that contribute to 85% of our oil needs.

EXPLAINER

The status of China's Belt and Road Initiative in South Asia

What has been the progress of the BRI so far? What have been the roadblocks and challenges?

DIKSHA MUNJAL

The story so far: At the recently concluded summit of G-7 leaders in Germany, U.S. President Joe Biden and his allies unveiled their $600 billion plan called the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Intelligence which is being seen as a counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), valued at a trillion U.S. dollars by some experts. Therefore, there is a need to re-visit the various projects under the BRI in different South Asian countries.

What is China's Belt and Road Initiative?

In 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping, during his visits to Kazakhstan and Indonesia, expressed his vision to build a Silk Road Economic Belt and a 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, to break the "bottleneck" in Asian connectivity. This vision led to the birth of the BRI. The initiative envisioned a Chinese-led investment of over $1 trillion in partner countries by 2025. More than 60 countries have now joined BRI agreements with China, with infrastructure projects under the initiative being planned or under construction in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

To finance BRI projects, China offers huge loans at commercial interest rates that countries have to pay within a fixed number of years. The west has accused China of debt-trapping by extending "predatory loans" that force countries to cede key assets to China. However, research indicates that low and middle-income countries are often the ones to approach China after not being able to secure loans from elsewhere. In recent years, the BRI seems to have experienced a slowing down as annual Chinese lending to countries under the initiative slimmed from its peak of $125 billion in 2015 to around $50 to 55 billion in 2021.

A view of the Hambantota port • FILE PHOTO

What have been the BRI's investments in Pakistan?

On his 2015 visit to Pakistan, Mr. Xi and then Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif unveiled the BRI's flagship project and its biggest one in a single country – the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Over time, China pledged $62 billion in low-interest loans and financing from Chinese state-owned banks and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), up from an initial $46 billion pledge. The CPEC envisioned multiple projects involving energy, transport and communication systems.

At the centre of the CPEC was the $700 million development of the city of Gwadar into a smart port city that would become the "Singapore of Pakistan". Gwadar is strategically important as it is an hour's drive from Iran and less than 320 km from Oman. According to the master plan for Gwadar's development under BRI, approved in 2020, it would increase the city's GDP to $30 billion by 2050 and create over a million jobs. However, multiple reports have shown that shipping activities at the Gwadar Port is almost negligible so far, with only some trade to Afghanistan.

Additonally, Gwadar residents have also protested against the large security force deployed to protect Chinese nationals involved in projects after they became the target of multiple deadly attacks by Baloch nationalists. In late 2021, thousands of Gwadar residents staged a sit-in protest against the lack of promised basic amenities in Gwadar and Chinese deep-sea trawlers reducing fishing opportunities for locals. Other major projects are the orange line metro, coal power plants to tackle energy shortages and the Main Line 1 rail project from Peshawar to Karachi. While coal plants set up and managed by Chinese firms did help improve the power situation in Pakistan, former Prime Minister Imran Khan sought renegotiation of payments to China in 2020 alleging that Chinese companies had overcharged the country by $3 billion. In May this year, Chinese power firms operating in Pakistan threatened to close down if the latter did not pay dues worth 300 billion in Pakistani rupees (approximately $1.5 billion).

What about Sri Lanka?

In Sri Lanka, multiple infrastructure projects that were being financed by China came under the fold of the BRI after it was launched in 2013.

The island nation in the last couple of years has witnessed competition between India and China in port terminal and energy projects. In 2021, Colombo ejected India and Japan out of a deal to develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo port and got China to take up the project. It then awarded the project for the Western Side of the Terminal to the Adani Group.

Some BRI projects in Sri Lanka have been described as white elephants – such as the Hambantota port, a deep seaport on the world's busiest east-west shipping lane, which was meant to spur industrial activity. The port had always been secondary to the busy Colombo port until the latter ran out of capacity. The Sri Lankan government took $1.4 billion in Chinese loans for the port's expansion. Unable to service the huge loan and incurring $300 million in losses due to delays, the government handed Hambantota port to a Chinese state-owned company on a 99-year lease in 2017. Other key projects under BRI include the development of the Colombo International Container Terminal, the Central Expressway and the Hambantota International Airport among others.

Are there projects in Afghanistan?

Afghanistan has not comprehensively been brought into the BRI, despite a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) being signed with China in 2016. China had promised investments worth $100 million in Afghanistan which is small in comparison to what it shelled out in other South Asian countries. The projects have not materialised so far and uncertainties have deepened after the Taliban takeover last year.

How have projects from India and China progressed in Maldives?

Situated in the middle of the Indian Ocean, Maldives comprises two hundred islands, and both India and China have strategic interests there. One of the most prominent BRI projects undertaken in the Maldives is the two km long China-Maldives Friendship Bridge – a $200 million four lane bridge.

Most of China's investment in the Maldives happened under former President Abdullah Yameen, seen as pro-China. Over the years, opposition protests grew against the large borrowing from China and Mr. Yameen was defeated in 2018. The Maldives' current regime of President Ibrahim Solih has tried to distance itself from the BRI, focusing more on its 'India First' policy. India has also in recent years sought greater ties with the Maldives under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

What about Bangladesh?

Bangladesh, which joined the BRI in 2016, has been promised the second-highest investment (about $40 billion) in South Asia after Pakistan. Multiple studies, including research by the Council on Foreign Relations, show that Bangladesh has been able to benefit from the BRI while maintaining diplomatic and strategic ties with both India and China. It has managed to not upset India by getting India to build infrastructure projects similar to BRI in the country. In 2016, when the Chinese government promised Dhaka BRI investment worth around $40 billion, India followed up in 2017 by extending a $5 billion line of credit and economic assistance. BRI projects include China-Bangladesh Friendship Bridges, special economic zones, the $689.35 million-Karnaphuli River tunnel project, upgradation of the Chittagong port, and a rail line between the port and China's Yunnan province. However, multiple projects have been delayed owing to the slow release of funds by China.

THE GIST

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- The biggest project under BRI is in Pakistan, the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Over time, China pledged $62 billion in low-interest loans and financing from Chinese state-owned banks and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Bangladesh, which joined the BRI in 2016, has been promised the second-highest belt and road investment by China in South Asia after Pakistan. Multiple studies show that Bangladesh has been able to benefit from the BRI while maintaining diplomatic and strategic ties with both India and China. It has managed to not upset India by getting India to build infrastructure projects similar to BRI in the country.

BMTC explores feasibility of setting up fuel stations at its depots

Business module being discussed with oil firms as a long-term measure to address issues of fuel purchase

The BMTC needs more than 2.4 lakh liters of diesel every day to operate over 5,600 schedules of services. •K. MURALI KUMAR

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As a long term measure to address issues of purchase of fuel, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is contemplating setting up retail fuel stations at depots. The corporation is working on various business modules with oil companies on the setting up of fuel stations.

Recently, the BMTC was in news for facing fuel shortage as the companies objected to the corporation purchasing diesel from retail outlets by asking the owners to directly send the tankers to the depots. The corporation had also written to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry seeking its intervention. The BMTC needs more than 2.4 lakh liters of diesel every day to operate over 5,600 schedules of services. Higher fuel cost for bulk purchase had forced the corporation to buy fuel from retail fuel stations. Diesel price per litre at fuel stations costs ₹89, whereas in bulk purchase, it costs ₹125 per litre.

We are working on a business model on setting up of fuel stations. The BMTC will not invest in setting up the infrastructure. As per our estimates, fuel stations can come at 25 to 30 depots.

SURYA SEN A.V.
Director (IT), BMTC

Director (IT), BMTC, Surya Sen A.V. said, "We are working on a business model on setting up of fuel stations. The BMTC will not invest in setting up the infrastructure. As per our estimates, fuel stations can come at 25 to 30 depots."

Sources said that the proposed retail fuel stations will provide fuel to the general public and cater the demand of the corporation. Earlier, the BMTC had floated tenders to run and maintain fuel stations on a rental basis at seven depots. This initiative was taken to generate non farebox revenue.

When asked about whether the BMTC has addressed the fuel purchase issues, the official said, "There is no fuel shortage as of now. Barring a few depots in north Bengaluru where our buses go to the retail fuel stations, we do not face any issues. All scheduled operations are operated as usual."

Anbu Kuma, MD, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), said, "We are purchasing the fuel at the retail price to lessen the burden on fuel expenses. The difference between bulk purchase and retail price is ₹37. We have received the required support from the oil marketing companies concerned."

Three Bengaluru Urban DCs arrested in the last decade

Aiyappa was held in 2013, Vijay Shankar in 2019 for graft

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Former Bengaluru (Urban) Deputy Commissioner J. Manjunath, arrested over graft charges on Monday, is the third in the post to be arrested in the last decade.

M.K. Aiyappa and B.M. Vijay Shankar were similarly arrested in 2013 and 2019 over graft charges. Before that, Special Deputy Commissioner Ramanjaneya was arrested by the Lokayukta police in a trap case in 2010, but was discharged by the court for want of evidence in 2015. While Mr. Ramanjaneya quit service to fight his case, Mr. Vijay Shankar unfortunately ended his life. Several other tahsildars and ACs have also been arrested over the last decade.

Except in the case of Mr. Vijay Shankar, who faced graft charges in the IMA scam, three other Deputy Commissioners faced allega-

- Special DC Ramanjaneya was arrested by the Lokayukta police in a trap case in 2010, but was discharged by the court for want of evidence in 2015.

tions of corruption in land cases, indicating how skyrocketing land prices on the outskirts of the city have been a major source of corruption, a senior property consultant said. Most of the cases in which Deputy Commissioners have been arrested also pertain to land cases from the city's outskirts – Anekal, Madappanahalli near Kempegowda International Airport and Begur.

"No land-related services like DC conversion, podi, survey, change in RTC come without paying a bribe. Officers openly demand a bribe saying given the cost of land is astronomically high the service is high and it was only fair for them to demand a bribe. I have been asked for a bribe up to even ₹20 lakh," said Suraj N. (name changed), who has been running around for the past two years to get his family's farm transferred to his name after his father's death.

Kannadigas posted

Sources in the government said that the very fact that most of the officers posted as Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru (Urban), in the capital of the State are Kannadigas, KAS officers promoted IAS officers, itself was an indication that political bosses want their men in the seat. "Given the stakes are high, the risks are also high. Those who come to this posting are also prepared and willing to handle the pressure," a senior IAS officer formerly with the Revenue Department said.

ACB searches former DC's apartment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A day after former Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban J. Manjunath was arrested and remanded in judicial custody, the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials searched his apartment situated at Salarpuria in Yeshwantpur on Tuesday.

The officials recovered documents which, they said, could be linked to the case. Mr. Manjunath was arrested in connection with the case pertaining to the ACB arresting Deputy Tahsildar P.S. Mahesh and a court assistant Chetan Kumar for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹5 lakh from an Anekal resident for an official favour in a land dispute case. Mr. Manjunath's name was not included in the FIR though the landowner, Azam Khan, and Mahesh had said he had demanded the bribe. It was only after a rap from the High Court that his name was included.

Accused in Bajrang Dal activist murder case booked for using mobile in prison

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Nine accused, arrested in connection with the murder case of Harsha, a Bajrang Dal activist in Shivamogga in February this year, have been booked under the Karnataka Prisons (Amendment) Act for using mobile phone inside the highly secured central prison of Parappana Agrahara to speak with their family and friends on Eid.

Based on the complaint by P.S. Ramesh, Chief Superintendent of Prisons, the Parappana Agarahara police on Saturday registered an FIR against Mohammad Khasif, Syed Nadeem, Syed Farooq, Rihan Shariff, Asifulla Khan, Abdul Afaan, Mohammad Irfan, Shahidullah Shariff, and Wasim Khan.

The incident came to light when the video of the accused chatting with their families and friends on mobile phone went viral on social media, prompting the prison officials to conduct a check.

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BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
Chief Minister

The accused confessed that they had borrowed the mobile phone from two under trails of different cases, identified as Nihar and Maghdub, and returned the phone after making the calls on Eid. The accused Nihar and Maghdub are presently out on bail .

Based on their confession, the officials filed a complaint with the police to probe how the phone, which is banned inside the prison, was sourced.

The incident also brought to light the use of banned items inside the prison despite heavy security and checks.

Reacting to the incident, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai assured action. "The State government has taken serious note of the happenings in Parappana Agrahara central jail. Action would be taken after getting complete details about it. These kinds of irregularities are happening there frequently. It seems a group is systematically engaged in this activity there. Such incidents were reported in the past too. It is prima facie clear that there are some who are colluding with the criminals and are corrupt. I will get a report and take action today itself," Mr. Bommai said.

Award for farmers

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BENGALURU

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B), has invited applications for the State-level, district-level and taluk-level awards (10 districts coming under the jurisdiction of UAS-B), from interested farmers.

According to a release, the awards will be presented during the Krishi Mela-2022 scheduled to be held during October. The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the office of the Joint Directors of Agriculture of respective districts or Krishi Vigyan Kendras (Hadonahalli-Doddaballapur; Chandurayanahalli-Magadi, Kandali-Hassan, Konehalli-Tiptur, V.C.Farm-Mandya, Kurubur Farm-Chintamani and Haradanahalli-Chamarajanagar) or Extension Education Unit (Naganahalli-Mysore). The application can be downloaded from www.uasbangalore.edu.in.

Four teams to probe jewellery shop robbery case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Four special teams have been formed to track down a gang of four armed men who robbed a gold shop in Electronics City after threatening the employee at gunpoint and escaped with gold, silver and cash worth ₹1.9 crore on Monday morning.

While three police teams have been dispatched in different directions to track down the accused, the other team is analysing the technical details, including CCTV and tower dumps to identify the accused.

It was a planned robbery, said a senior police officer supervising the investigations. The gang kept a watch on the movements of the owner and the staff before striking.

Ramdev bankers is owned by Bhawarlal, who was running a jewellery shop and pawn brokering. He employed a distant relative as staff who would come every morning to open the shop and clean up before Bhawarlal arrived.

The accused kept a watch on the relative, Dharmendra, and attacked him as soon as he opened the shop around 7.30 a.m., the police said.

The accused tied his hands and legs at gunpoint, emptied the showcase and escaped with the valuable.

Applications invited for French course

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Centre for Global Languages, Bengaluru City University, has invited applications for BA (Basic/Honours) programme in French – 4 years.

According to a release from Bengaluru City University, the admissions for this programme is open at the Centre for Global Languages in the Central College Campus and the Multi-Disciplinary Women's Composite College in Malleswaram, to all students who have completed II PU/12th standard or equivalent.

A student from any discipline can choose French along with another subject of their choice as core papers. Some of the key positions that students could be looking at after graduation include international consultants, client service partners, French categories manager, and many more.

Contact details

Students who wish to pursue this course can obtain details from www.bcu.ac.in or contact Dr. Krishnan on 9353251761.

Customers happy, restaurateurs upset over removal of service charges

Hoteliers say lack of service charge might push their employees to leave jobs

BLESSY BABU
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While the Central Consumer Protection Authority's (CCPA) recent announcement which tagged service charges "unfair" has sparked joy among bill paying consumers, the same is not the case for those who own and run hotels and restaurants.

Although the Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers' Association (BBHA) said that it welcomes the government's decision, which said that service charges can no longer be included in the bills by default, most pub and restobar owners are not so happy with the decision.

"We welcome the new guidelines issued by CCPA. As per the guidelines, no hoteliers can charge service charge other than the food bill and GST. We are also of the opinion that this additional burden on our customers is not required, though the major part of this charge goes to our staff," said P.C. Rao, president, BBHA.

He further added, "In the olden days and now also in many hotels, customers themselves give tips to the staff. Compulsorily collecting service charge is mentioned as unfair trade practices. To protect consumer interest on behalf of our hotel owners, we welcome this decision and also advise all our members to do the needful."

The main concern of many restaurateurs is that lack of service charge might push their employees to leave their jobs. Most of them say that while this makes little difference to the owners, its impact will largely be felt by their employees, especially in the service sector without the incentivising factor. "Most of the people affected by these guidelines will be the service providers," says Deepak Shreyas, the owner of Aditya Hotel in Mahalakshmi Layout.

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Most customers are happy about the removal of service charges, but there are also a few who are sceptical that these charges might be added in other ways to their bills. "While it is important to value the work of those in the service sector, I do not want the charge to be imposed on my bill. Not all the service staff are polite. When I do not like the service at a place, why should I pay the service charge? Whenever I like the service, I make sure that I leave a tip," said Nirup S., an engineer.

Another customer at a restaurant in Jayanagar said, "Most of us are usually not even aware of how much GST can be levied in hotel bills. Further, what if the service charge is broken down and added like ₹2 or ₹3 in every dish. We will not even be able to identify the difference," she said. However, some restaurant owners are also thinking of alternatives to help the sector. "This is disheartening for the hospitality industry. The management is thinking about the solutions to this as it's very new to us", said Ranveer Sabhani, of the Social restaurants.

What did the CCPA say?

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A press release by the CCPA on Monday said: "No collection of service charge shall be done by any other name."

Nidhi Khare, Chief Commissioner of CCPA, said if any customer finds out about restaurants violating the guidelines issued from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, they can ask them to remove the service charge or launch a complaint in the consumer helpline number or the NCH mobile app.

"Consumers can also register a complaint in the e-dakhil portal."

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4	Malleswaram	Salankrutha Aabharana (Artificial Jewellery)
5	Bengaluru Cantonment	Karnataka Tirbal Products
6	Hosur	Agricultural Produce (Rose)
7	Dharmapuri	Handicrafts Items
8	Kengeri	Channapatna Toys
9	Krishnarajapuram	Tribal Products
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The good old days: Bengaluru is quickly losing its trademark greenery due to the unchecked growth of the city. •FILE PHOTO

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Bengaluru: Memories of a city

The transformation of Bengaluru into a metropolis almost overnight has been aptly captured by contemporary Indian English writers

RANJANI SRINIVASAN

Over the years, Bengaluru has been bestowed with an assortment of monikers. If it goes by 'Garden City' to tourists and geography buffs, it is known as a 'concrete jungle' to those who rue the passage of a simpler time marked by ubiquitous greenery. While young entrants to the globalised workforce call it 'the Silicon Valley of India', the city's salubrious weather and leafy locales have established it as a retiree's haven. What is undeniable, however, is the pride attached to 'Namma Bengaluru' – a tag that unifies a city constantly absorbing new identities.

Origins of the city

According to a myth, Bengaluru is said to have acquired its name from an incident in which a hungry, wandering king was served boiled beans by a generous woman from the erstwhile town. Overcome by gratitude, the king decided to name the land 'BendaKaaluru' or the city of boiled beans.

In conventional history, Bengaluru's origin dates back to 1537, when the city was founded by Kempegowda, a ruler from the Vijayanagara Empire. The city has since been witness to a rich history spanning the Adil Shahi dynasty, the Wodeyars, the Mughals and the British East India Company. Designated the capital of the erstwhile state of Mysuru in 1947, Bengaluru subsequently became the capital of Karnataka following the State's formation in 1956. However, the city's story during the final decades of the 20th century is one of exponential growth.

Writings on Bengaluru in the late 20th century express anxiety about the future of a city that was growing too fast.

In her chapter in the anthology *Multiple City* (2008), renowned Bengaluru-born artist Pushpamala N. writes, "At the end of the millennium, Bangalore seemed to illustrate the Third World cliché of a small town breaking out with sudden violence into a metropolis". This overnight transformation of Bengaluru into a metropolis is aptly captured in contemporary Indian English literature rooted in the city.

A shifting landscape

Scholars and novelists alike agree that the essence of the city was recast by the IT boom triggered in the 1990s. Bengaluru went from being a pleasant, accommodating abode to a city that had expanded beyond its capacity. High-rise buildings, malls, airports, unforgiving traffic and perpetually-in-progress construction projects became symbols of the city's aggression. With time, commute became daunting, and pedestrian indulgences like street shopping and haggling became rare. In her book *The Promise of the Metropolis: Bangalore's Twentieth Century* (2005), scholar Janaki Nair describes how 'the happy commingling of traffic and commerce on the street' has been replaced with a preference for malls and supermarkets.

In the genre of Indian writing in English, Bengaluru has been largely defined by a dizzying excess of development and an ever-expanding job market

The arrival of information technology also came with changes in the city's cultural make-up. T. J. S. George, writing from the vantage point of someone who has lived in thriving hubs of economic activity – including Hong Kong and erstwhile Bombay – describes Bengaluru as an 'urban demographic nightmare' in *Askew* (2016). In his short biography of the city, the writer links Bengaluru's newfound modernity and enterprise with the linguistic and cultural conundrums that plague its denizens. Bengaluru's new economy and burgeoning migrant workforce eventually led to inevitable questions about 'what was Bangalore' and 'who is a Bangalorean'. The only dominant language became that of money.

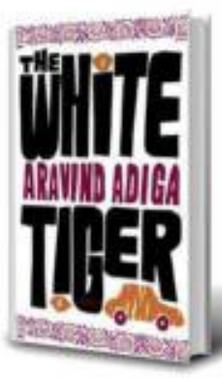
The city's uneasy departure from simpler times is also portrayed in Vivek Shanbag's *Ghachar Ghochar* (2015). Translated from Kannada, the story follows a Bengaluru-based family who come into new money and gradually spiral into dysfunction. Formerly acquainted with middle-class mores, the family struggles to confront their behavioural changes that have been triggered by wealth. Confined within their lives, the novel conveys a larger truth about the city – too much of anything is bad.

Flocking for jobs

As scores of hopeful youth migrated to the city in search of employment, Bengaluru embraced a new work culture. In Arvind Adiga's Booker-winning novel *The White Tiger* (2008), the reader is introduced to a dog-eat-dog world – a competitive Bengaluru with little room for compassion. Balram Halwai, new to the city, assimilates himself into the ambitious, detached and entrepreneurial workforce. Opportunities are plenty, and loyalty is scarce; it is unusual for employees to stay in any job for long. He observes, "Today, in Bangalore, I can't get enough people for my business. People come and people go. Good men never stay". Similarly, in Girish Karnad's play *Boiled Beans on Toast* (2014), a conversation between two characters reveals that in the age of globalisation, one "must move quickly, from job to job and upwards."

A different facet of globalisation is unravelled in Anjum Hasan's *Neti, Neti* (2009), which challenges the idea that Bengaluru is a city "where the best opportunities are". The city is instead rebranded as the outsourcing capital of the country, where employees, trapped in call centres and subtitling firms, are given the less desirable duties of their American and English counterparts.

In the genre of Indian writing in English, Bengaluru has been largely defined by a dizzying excess of development and an ever-expanding job market. The city has today come far from its good old days, let down by unplanned growth and unchecked administration. While the city may be saturated with once-upon-a-time narratives, fond recollections of Bengaluru in its heyday serve as motivation to restore some of its former glory. After all, few other cities spark nostalgia like Bengaluru.



THE DAILY QUIZ

The present and 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, was born on July 6, 1935. Here's a quiz on the spiritual leader.

1 Following the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, the 14th Dalai Lama was presented this award for "the struggle of the liberation of Tibet and the efforts for a peaceful resolution" and "in part a tribute to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi". Name the award.

2 This approach is known for being the 14th Dalai Lama's adopted method for resolution of the issue between Tibet and China. The essence of this approach is based on the principle that besides independence, all other issues can be resolved through peaceful and mutually beneficial negotiations. Name the approach.

3 Identify this term which, in Buddhism, denotes any person who is on the path towards bodhi ('awakening') or Buddhahood.

4 Inner World is a studio album released by the 14th Dalai Lama in 2020. The chart-topping album features multiple acclaimed artists, including an Indian sitar player and composer also known for her activism. Name the artist.

5 The 1959 Tibetan uprising triggered the 14th Dalai Lama's escape from Lhasa, Tibet to India, where he was welcomed by the Indian authorities. In which Indian town was he received?

6 Also known as 'Little Lhasa' or 'Dhasa', this suburb in Himachal Pradesh is named after Sir Donald Friell McLeod, a Lieutenant Governor of Punjab. Identify the suburb.

◄ The Dalai Lama is said to be an incarnation of the spiritual being pictured on the left in the four-arm Tibetan form. Identify the being. •WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Mac in the macOS operating system stands for this. **Ans: Macintosh, McIntosh apples**
2. The name of the business partnership between Bill Gates and Paul Allen with Paul Gilbert. **Ans: Traf-O-Data**
3. The first video uploaded on YouTube in 2005. **Ans: Me at the zoo**
4. This was an audio streaming service provider, originally launched in 1999 and shut down in 2001 after losing a wave of lawsuits. **Ans: Napster**
5. The multinational manufacturing conglomerate which uses Tizen. **Ans: Samsung**
6. The current name of the company Oculus which Facebook acquired in 2014. **Ans: Reality Labs**
7. The media company which Amazon acquired in 2021. **Ans: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer**
Visual: This film is a 2010 American biographical drama film which is directed by David Fincher. **Ans: *The Social Network*. It talks about the formation of Facebook**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir"

"Good morning."

"Is 'rubbish' used as a verb sir?"

"Yes. Australians started using it as a verb and now it is used by others also. 'To rubbish' means 'to throw it out as useless', 'to criticise severely'.

He would have rubbished you if you had been here.

He rubbished me to my brother.

I got rubbished by my boss.

The speaker rubbished the very idea of democracy".

"What are the other ways of saying 'Can you come with me for a walk', sir?"

"Can you come with me for a walk? Could you come with me for a walk? Would you please come with me for a walk? Would you mind coming with me for a walk? Do you mind coming with me for a walk? I wonder if you could come with me for a walk. I wonder if you could possibly come with me for a walk. Won't you come with me for a walk? These are not identical. What you choose depends on how you feel."

"What's the difference between 'dispense' and 'distribute', sir?"

"You distribute individually something that is limited in number or quantity.

Prizes were distributed to successful candidates.

Clothes were distributed to the needy.

We dispense to all. Nature dispenses her bounty to all. Courts dispense justice. They don't distribute justice to a few. A dispensary dispenses medicines. Medicines are not distributed by the dispensary. An individual or organisation may distribute medicines to the poor."

"What is a 'rain-check', sir?"

"I'll give you a context for it.

"Why don't you have lunch with me tomorrow?"

"I am sorry I am not free tomorrow. Could I take a rain-check on it?"

'To take a rain-check' is to 'promise to accept an invitation at a later date.' It is a colloquial expression. The term was perhaps first coined by the Detroit Base Ball Association in America in 1890. When any base ball match was interrupted by rain, a 'rain-check' was given for use at a later date. Even today when any match is interrupted, a rain-check is given."

"How do you pronounce 'preside', sir?"

"It is pronounced prizaid. 'zaid' rhymes with 'tide', 'hide' and 'side'. The 'e' in 'pre' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'bit'. The stress is on the second syllable 'zaid'. Well, let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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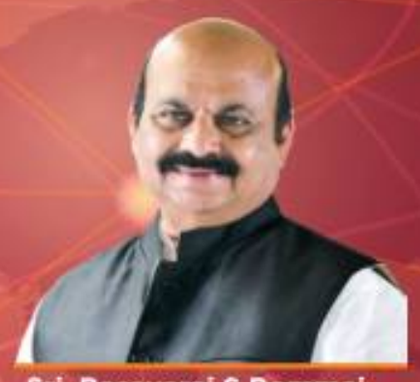

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Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram
36th Death Anniversary

Date: 06.07.2022 Wednesday, 10:00 A.M.
Venue: Vidhana Soudha West Gate, Bengaluru

Garlanding the statue of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram
by
Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
and
Sri Kota Srinivasa Poojary
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare & Backward Classes Welfare Department

Hon'ble Chief Minister **Sri Basavaj S. Bommai** and **Sri Kota Srinivasa Poojary**, Minister for Social Welfare & Backward Class Welfare participated in the inaugural programme of "Kalyanamithra Integrated SC / ST Helpline".

"In the progress of the country lies our progress; in its salvation, our salvation; and in its emancipation, our emancipation."
- Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram

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To Protect and respect our varied culture and traditions" is the fundamental duty of every Citizen of the Country.

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Tamil Nadu boy tops COMEDK UGET-2022

Out of the first 10 ranks, 5 have been secured by Karnataka candidates; the test was conducted online at 230 centers

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A. Venkat, a student from Hosur in Tamil Nadu, emerged the topper in the COMED-K UGET-2022 entrance exam, the results of the exam were announced on Tuesday.

Vishal Bysani from Bengaluru came second, followed by Apoorv Tandon from Bengaluru, Kanishk Sharma from Jalaun in Uttar Pradesh and Siddhartha Singh from Bengaluru.

Out of the first 10 ranks, 5 have been secured by Karnataka candidates, whereas this number is 52 out of first 100 rank holders.

The COMED-K UGET-2022 entrance test was conducted online at 230 centers located in 154 cities across the country. As against 61,635 candidates who applied seeking engineering UG seats, around 57,387 candidates wrote the test on June 19.

Subsequently, provisional answer keys were published on June 22 and the final key answers published on June 30. As the exam was conducted in two sessions, percentile scores of the candidates have been considered for announcing the rank, a COMEDK release said.

A total of 5,930 candidates are in 90 to 100 percentile, and out of this 1,768 candidates are from Karnataka. Similarly, 5,620 candidates are between 80 to 90 percentile and among this, 1,753 candidates are from Karnataka. Likewise, 6,347 candidates are between 70 to 80 percentile, of which 2,138 candidates are from Karnataka.

Rank cards of the eligible candidates have been generated and available to the candidates in their 'applicant login' on the COMEDK website www.comedk.org.

This year also, the COMEDK counselling will be conducted online and the candidates have to upload the scanned copies of the documents through their login. These uploaded documents will be verified by the panel of expert verification officers.

The number of seats available for being filled up, the quantum of tuition fees and counselling dates would be notified in due course. A separate set of counselling process document detailing the procedure for participating in the counselling would also be made available shortly and the candidates are required to refer to the website regularly for all the updates, said a release.

(From left) First topper A. Venkat, second topper Vishal Bysani; third topper Apoorv Tandon; fourth topper Kanishk Sharma, and fifth topper Siddhartha Singh.

On the top

5 Karnataka candidates figure in the first 10 ranks, and **52** in the top 100 ranks

90 to 100 percentile
5,930 students

80 to 90 percentile
5,620 students

70 to **80** percentile
6,347 students

He loves playing video games and has attempted to make video games on his own. He wishes to pursue computer science engineering. Venkat wants to join institutions like IISc Bengaluru, IIT Bombay or IIT Madras.

N. AMARENDRA,
father of topper A. Venkat

He completed his II PUC at Mahesh College, Bengaluru. Vishal is an avid coder and he plans to pursue computer science engineering. He studied for around 6 to 8 hours every day.

SURESH BYSANI,
father of 2nd topper Vishal Bysani's

The key to cracking competitive exams like these is to compile a formula book. After completing every chapter, compile all the formulae in a single book. So, at the end of two years, all you will have to look at is this book for revision.

APOORV TANDON, 3rd topper

I wrote COMEDK entrance test despite having limited materials for preparation. The colleges in Bengaluru are really good. That's why I wrote the exam. Preparation for JEE Mains helped me crack COMEDK.

KANISHK SHARMA, 4th topper

Constant revision is the key to success of this entrance test. I was prepared for JEE Mains, which was relatively close to COMEDK.

SIDDHARTHA SINGH, 5th topper

Muslims told to refrain from sacrificing cattle

Video messages circulated on social media by community leaders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Ahead of Bakrid, the Karnataka State Minority Commission on Tuesday advised members of the Muslim community to refrain from sacrificing cattle during Bakrid to not only respect the sentiments of other communities, but also avoid legal action.

Video messages were circulated on social media by members and leaders of the community advising people not to violate the laws. As a precautionary measure, the government has formed several special teams comprising BBMP, health, police officials and animal activists to patrol in sensitive areas to strictly enforce the law. The teams are visiting houses, localities and vulnerable places and will set up check points at the entry and exit areas to look for the cattle being tied in front of houses for Bakrid .

Abdul Azeem, Chairman of the commission, appealed to the community not to violate the law. In his letter, Mr. Azeem said that the government has issued orders to prohibit transportation and illegal slaughtering of cow, buffalo and the progeny of cow under the Karnataka Prohibition of Cow Slaughter and protection of Cow Act 2020.

Under the order, no cattle other than sheep and goats can be transported nor slaughtered. The government has issued instructions to the Police Department, Transport Department, Animal Husbandry Department to take effective action in curbing illegal transportation of cattle. These departments will take immediate action to seize the cattle transported under the Act. Besides, the government has setup five centres on the outskirts of Bengaluru to apprehend people who indulge in illegal transportation of the cattle .

The existing provisions of the Karnataka Prohibition of Cow Slaughter and protection of Cow Act 2020, stipulates that any action in the slaughter of the cow and its progeny will attract a fine of ₹ 50, 000 and a jail term of 3 to 7 years. Referring to the Government Order, Mr. Azeem said any violation by any individual may hamper peace not only in a particular place where the offence is committed, but may also spread other places.

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FROM PAGE ONE

Vastu expert murdered; two held

The police suspected that they would try to escape to Maharashtra via Belagavi district. Police Commissioner Labhu Ram informed Belagavi Superintendent of Police (SP) Sanjay Patil, who alerted officers along the Karnataka-Maharashtra border. The vehicle of the accused was subsequently intercepted on the State highway connecting Belagavi and Raibag road.

'Trapezium plan'

Belagavi police officers confirmed that the accused were not using the national highway. They found they were using a State highway and other routes to escape to Maharashtra.

Deputy SP Ramanagouda Hatti came up with a "trapezium plan" to stop the accused. It involved stationing personnel and vehicles in such a way that the accused would have no way to escape. Two earthmovers were placed on the roads at a distance and two tractors were stopped by the roadside. A police van and two four-wheelers were stationed at strategic points. A dozen police personnel in plain clothes were at multiple points on bikes. A team of officers chased the suspect's car from a distance, while a vehicle coming from the opposite direction stopped them. The accused eventually surrendered when they had no way out.

"We were able to overpower them after chasing them for some distance. The accused surrendered when they knew that they had no way to run," said Mr. Hatti. His team included I.R. Pattanashetty, Shivanand Karjol, and around 20 personnel. Assistant Commissioner of Police Vinod Kumar Muktedar and others coordinated with them in nabbing the accused. According to Mr. Labhu Ram, the motive for the murder is not clear yet.

From engineer to 'guruji'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Chandrashekhar 'Guruji' alias Chandrashekhar Virupaksha Angadi was a native of Motagi Galli in Bagalkot town and one of the six children of Virukapashappa and Neelavva Angadi. After completing his engineering from Basaveshwara Engineering College, Bagalkot, he had gone to Mumbai three decades ago. Having initially begun his career as a construction engineer, he subsequently went on to become a "vastu expert" and founded C.G. Parivar through which he advocated what he called 'Sarala Vastu', which won him fame across Karnataka and Maharashtra. Following the popularity of 'Sarala Vastu', he set up offices at various places and launched his own info-entertainment TV channel. However, of late, he had faced problems with some of his employees raising voices against irregular pay and other issues.

75% attendance must for Class X students

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy has made 75% attendance compulsory for Class X students who will appear for the SSLC examination in the academic year 2022-23.

According to the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) Act-1966 and rule 37, 75% of attendance is compulsory for those attending the SSLC exam.

Due to the COVID-19, there was no compulsory attendance for SSLC exams in the academic year of 2020-21. As the pandemic continued during the academic year 2021-22, the government had exempted physical class attendance for all students and ordered online classes. KSEEB had given some exemption from compulsory attendance for the SSLC students.

Physical classes

In the 2022-23 academic year, full fledged physical classes are being conducted across the state. So, the department has made 75% attendance compulsory.

Body found in drain

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The body of an unidentified man was found in a plastic bag dumped in a stormwater drain in Kadugodi police station limits.

The police suspect that the assailants murdered the man elsewhere and dumped the body here.

HC denies bail to two accused in RSS worker Rudresh murder case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to grant bail to two persons, who are among the other accused in the case of murder of Rudresh, a worker of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. who was hacked to death in Shivajinagar in broad daylight in 2016.

A Division Bench comprising Justice K. Somashekar and Justice Shivashankar Amarannavar passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by Irfan Pasha and Mohammed Mujeebulla, residents of Bengaluru.

The Bench said they are not entitled for release on bail as there exists a prima case against them under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, while declining to accept their contention that no material is available for their prosecution and that they were languishing in prison from the last five years, and it may take another five years for completion of the trial.

In another case, the Bench declined to grant bail to Irfan Nazir, a resident of Bengaluru, in a case registered against him under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for allegedly being involved in the terror activities of Islamic State (IS), a banned terrorist group.

The Bench said that there was material to prima facie show that he is an active member of IS and hence, the special court was right in rejecting his plea for bail. The Bench also found from the charge sheet that Nasir along with other co-accused persons conspired to rage war against Syria, with which India has bilateral agreement, by identifying, radicalising, recruiting, raising funds, and sending gullible Muslim youths to Syria illegally via Turkey, to join IS and fight against the Government of Syria.

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Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Inauguration by : Dr. K. Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare & Medical Education

Place : Shri. Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra (VGKK), B. R. Hills, Chamarajanagara - 571 313.

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Dr. K. Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare & Medical Education, participating in a programme of Health Department

The scheme is being taken as a pilot intervention in Chamarajanagara and Dakshinakannada districts.

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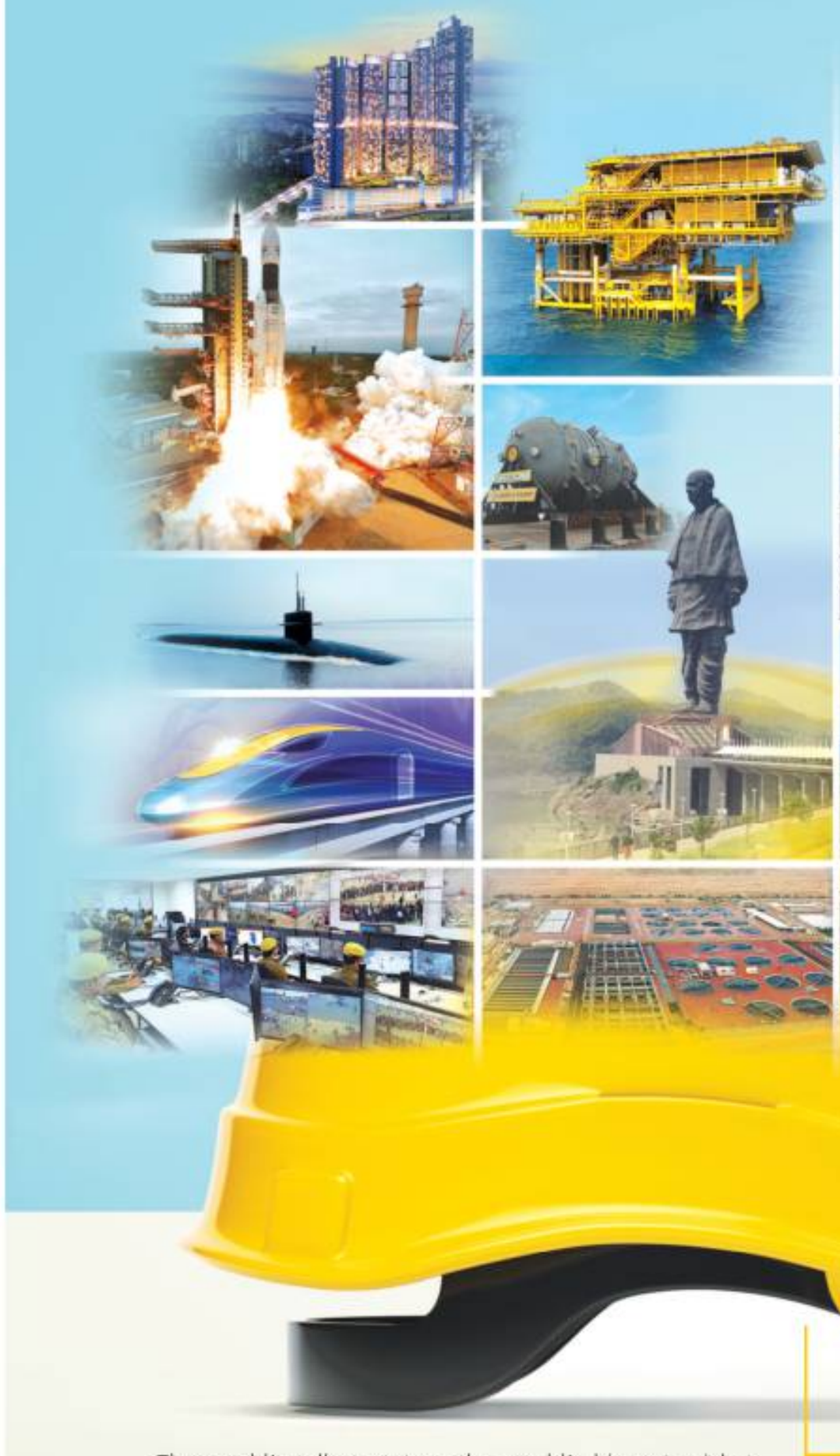

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Rains lash coastal Karnataka, Malnad; schools remain shut

Siddapur in Udupi district records 292.1 mm rainfall

KARNATAKA BUREAU
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Incessant rains continued to lash coastal districts and parts of Malnad and Kodagu, forcing closure of schools and colleges in many parts. There were landslides reported in some places, leading to traffic disruptions.

Siddapur in Kundapur taluk of Udupi district recorded 292.1 mm rainfall in the 24 hour period from 8.30 a.m. on July 4, said Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

The IMD, meanwhile, predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall, up to 204.44 mm at isolated places over coastal Karnataka districts till July 7 morning, heavy rainfall up to 115.5 mm till July 9 morning and again very heavy rainfall till July 10 morning. Many parts of Malnad districts – Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga and Hassan – received moderate to heavy rains on Tuesday. Rainfall of 263 mm was recorded at Agumbe in Tirthahalli taluk of Shivamogga district on the day. An orange alert has been sounded for Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga districts till Wednesday morning.

Holiday for schools

Chikkamgaluru Deputy Commissioner K.N. Ramesh has declared holiday for schools in Mudigere, Koppa, Sringeri, Kalasa, N.R. Pura and Chikkamagaluru taluks from July 6 to 9 in view of heavy rains.

Shivamogga Deputy Commissioner R. Selvamai has declared a holiday for schools in Tirthahalli, Hosanagar, and Sagar taluks on Wednesday. The holiday applies to all primary and high schools in these taluks.

Heavy rain has continued to pound Kodagu with reports of landslides reported at two places in the district in the last 24 hours. The district administration has declared a holiday for schools and colleges on Wednesday in view of heavy rains since an orange alert has been declared in Kodagu till 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday.

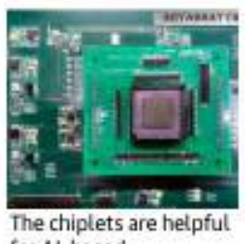
The incessant downpour has been causing damage to the infrastructure of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) as nearly 50 electric poles were damaged due to hammering rains accompanied by gusty winds.

The inflow into Harangi dam has continued to remain high following rains in its catchment area. On Tuesday, the inflow was 9,497 cusecs and the outflow was 12,866 cusecs. Landslips were reported at Chamundeshwari Nagar and Karike-Bhagamandala Road.

A huge boulder that slid on to the Bhagamandala-Talacauvery road in Kodagu on Tuesday following rains; the Netravathi flowing to the brim at Jeppinamogaru; vehicles negotiating a flooded road at Kottara in Mangaluru; (below) a woman carries her daughter while wading through a flooded road in Bannanje, Udupi town. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, ANIL KUMAR SASTRY, & H.S. MANJUNATH

Design framework for next-gen analog chipsets developed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU



The chiplets are helpful for AI-based applications like object or speech recognition – such as like *Alexa* or *Siri*.

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) have developed a design framework to build next-generation analog computing chipsets that could be faster and require less power than the digital chips found in most electronic devices.

Using a novel design framework, the team has built a prototype of an analog chipset called ARYABHAT-1 (Analog Reconfigurable technologY And Bias-scalable Hardware for AI Tasks). This type of chipset can be especially helpful for Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based applications like object or speech recognition - like *Alexa* or *Siri* - or those that require massive parallel computing operations at high speeds, an IISc release said.

Most electronic devices use digital chips because the design process is simple and scalable.

"But the advantage of analog is huge. You will get orders of magnitude improvement in power and size," explained Chetan Singh Thakur, Assistant Professor at the Department of Electronic Systems Engineering, IISc.

In applications that don't require precise calculations, analog computing has the potential to outperform digital computing as the former is more energy-efficient.

But there are technology hurdles; unlike digital chips, testing and co-design of analog processors is difficult. As analog chips don't scale easily, they need to be individually customised when transitioning to the next generation technology or to a new application, and their design is expensive. Another challenge is that trading off precision and speed with power and area is not easy when it comes to analog design, the release explained.

"To overcome these challenges, the team has designed a novel framework that allows the development of analog processors that scale just like digital processors. Their chipset can be reconfigured and programmed so that the same analog modules can be ported across different generations of process design and across different applications," it said.

The release said different machine learning architectures can be programmed on ARYABHAT, and like digital processors, can operate robustly across a wide range of temperatures. The researchers also say the architecture is "bias-scalable" - its performance remains the same when the operating conditions like voltage or current are modified.

The design framework was developed as part of IISc. student Pratik Kumar's PhD work, and in collaboration with Shantanu Chakrabartty, Professor at McKelvey School of Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis.

City girl gets Diana Award

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Shloka Ashok, 16, from Greenwood High International School, Bengaluru, has received the Diana Award instituted in 1999 in memory of the Princess of Wales. The award is given out by the charity of the same name and has the support of her sons, The Duke of Cambridge and The Duke of Sussex. According to a release, Shloka won The Diana Award for founding 'InternMee', a platform that provides internship, volunteering and leadership opportunities to high schoolers free of charge. Launched in December 2020, InternMee has helped over 35,000 students from over 85 countries and was featured in the top 10 internship search websites by a survey.

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PERSONAL

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WE, RUCHIR Bhatia and Jasmine Bhatia R/o No. J 301, Brigade Gateway, Malleswaram West, Bangalore-560055, have changed our minor daughter's name from Pihoo to Pihoo Bhatia vide affidavit dated 04-07-2022 before Notary K.S.Giridhar, Bengaluru.

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IN THE COURT OF LXXXVII ACC. & S.J., BENGALURU (CCH -88)
COMMERCIAL ORIGINAL SUIT
Between NO. 182/2022
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Corporate & Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and branch office at Mystree Center, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Kashi & Another
...Defendants
APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C
Summons to Defendant No.1
D1. Sri. Kashi, S/o. Sri. Shivanna, No.18, 2nd Floor, Behind Petrol Bunk, Alahalli, JP Nagar, 9th Phase, Anjanapura, Bharat Petrol Bunk, Bangalore- 560 062
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.19,06,561/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One Only) together with interest thereon at the rate 24% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on 8-8-2022 at 11.00 a.m., to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 2nd July 2022.
BY ORDER OF COURT
CITY CIVIL COURT, BENGALURU
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE. (CCH-58)
O.S. No. 25610 of 2021
Plaintiff:
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Manager : Sri. Pramodh.G, S/o.Gurumallappa.B.
V/s.
Defendant :
Mr. G. Rajagopal Reddy,
storom
(Summons to Defendant)
Mr. G. Rajagopal Reddy,
Aged about 32 years,
S/o. Mr. Jayam Rami Reddy
Gopavaram Residing at No. 344, Room No. 1, 4th Avenue, 5th Main, Teachers Colony, Near Kamal Garden Public School, Bangalore - 034
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.9,46,406/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Six Only) together with future interest at 10.99%, you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 57th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore in person or by pleader on the **28th day of July 2022** to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 17th June 2022
By Order of the Hon. Court,
Dy. Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
Altaf Hasan, Advocate,
R. No. 474/1993, #60, G-3, M.M.Complex, Chikka Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 22)
O.S. NO.25558/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560067 ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Rahul Kumar ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Rahul Kumar, S/o. Sri. Santhosh Kumar, No.54, Magadi Main Road, Chikka Gollarahatti, Lakshmipura, Prakruthi School, Bangalore- 562123
Also at
Sri. Rahul Kumar, Sree Kanva Sauhardha Co-Operative Credit Ltd., Sri Krishna Complex, Magadi Main Road, Vijayanagar, Opp. to Raheja Park, Bangalore- 560040
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 9,04,732/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 28.07.2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this. 27.06.2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

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O.S. NO.25756/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560067 ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. S Ashok Reddy ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. S Ashok Reddy,
S/o. Sri. S Venkata Narayanareddy Donapati, 59, SSB Nilayam, Door No. 402, 4th Floor, 2nd Cross, Maruthi Layout, Chinnapanahalli, Opp. Shiva Temple, Bangalore- 560037
Also at
Mr. S Ashok Reddy,
Accenture Solutions Pvt. Ltd., BDC II, ECHO Space, Pri Tech Park, Bellandur, ECO Space Main Road, Bangalore- 560037
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.8,89,525/- (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 03.08.22 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this. 23.06.2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57TH ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 58)
O.S. NO. 25485/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Smt. GR Vasanthi ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Smt. GR Vasanthi, 36 years S/o. Sri. Vijay Parashuram, No.54, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Shankar Nagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Maxmuller Public School, Bangalore- 560 096
Also at
Smt. GR Vasanthi, National Public School, No.5/7, 13th Cross, 13th Main, 1st Block, Kethmaranahalli, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560 010
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.5,37,102/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand One Hundred Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 10.08.2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 25/06/2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 22)
O.S. NO. 25509/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560067 ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Shashi Vardhan NB ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Shashi Vardhan N B, 33Y S/o. Sri. Nagabushan NS, 570, Shivanilaya, Valagerahalli, Jnanbharathi Layout, Bangalore-560059
Also at
Sri. Shashi Vardhan NB, No.223, Nidaghatta Village, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya- 571430
And also at
Sri. Shashi Vardhan NB, Hewlett Packard India Software Operations (P) Ltd., No.192, Whitefield Road, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore- 560048
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.18,21,438/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 28.07.2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this the 27th June 2022.
By Order of the Hon'ble Court,
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Gross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

[See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, NO. 4, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALORE-560 025
OA. NO. 990/2020
BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LIMITED,
Office at No. 515, CMH Road, MPS Tower, Indiranagar, Bangalore- 560038.
...APPLICANT.
AND:
D1. Mrs. Mandeep Kaur, W/o. Mr. Sachin Nayak, Residing at No. 70/6, Kempumma Layout, Hulimavu, B.G. Road, Bangalore-560076
Also at:
Mrs. Mandeep Kaur,
No. 97 A, A Block, Eklavya, 4th Cross, 8th Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore- 560078.
D2. Mr. Reshma Singh Harjit Singh,
Residing at No.70/6, Kempamma Layout, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore- 560076.
Also at:
Mr. Reshma Singh Harjit Singh, No. 97/A, A Block, Eklavya 4th Cross, 8th Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078.
...DEFENDANTS
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 1,37,04,709.80 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Seven Lakhs Four Thousand Seven Hunderd Nine Paisa Eighty Only)** together with Current and future interest and other reliefs the above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 2/11/2022 at 10.30 A.M. as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this 16 day of June 2022.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

CITATION

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT KALABURAGI
O.S. NML 94/2019
Smt. Asiya Fatima W/o Hasan M. Ahmed, Aged about 53 years Occ: Housewife / Social Service, R/o B-1904, Ramky Towers, Gachibowli, Anjaiah Nagar, Hyderabad-500032
... Plaintiff
V/S
1. **Mohammed Shoaib Farook** S/o. Late Moha. Ishaq Sab C/o H.No.1-111/1, Aiwan-E-Shahi Road, Kalaburagi. Cell No. 011512 6594339.
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3. **Sallya Fatima** D/o Late Mohd. Ishaq, W/o Noorudain Hasan, R/o H.No.1-111/1, Aiwan-E-Shahi Road, Kalaburagi.
4. **Arshiya Fatima** W/o Md. Mujeebullah Aquil, R/o Rolling wood Pine Lane Katy Houston. Texas 77494, Cell No. 713-385-2675
5. **Mohd. Khasim** S/o Mohd. Azam, Age: 65 years, Occ: Agriculture, R/o Yadgir.
6. **Dr. Zaheer Ahmed** S/o Gulam Hafiz Khan, Age: 65 years, Occ: Medical Practitioner, R/o USA.
7. **Mohd. Azam** S/o Mohd. Ismail, Age: 85 years, Occ: Agriculture, R/o Assar Mohalla, Shahapur.
... Defendants
CLAIM: SUIT FOR PARTITION AND SEPARATE POSSESSION AND INJUCTION
To,
The Above named defendants Nos 4 & 6,
Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed the above suit for partition and separate possession and injunction, against the defendants.
Whereas, several time notices were issued by this court in the ordinary course as well as by RPAD but they were returned as unserved either not found or on some other grounds, it appears that you are intentionally avoiding services of notice of the court. You are hereby warned to appear in this court in person or by as pleader duly instructed on 07-07-2022 at 11.00 a.m. otherwise the petition will be decided in your absence on merits.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 6th day of June, 2022.
//By order of the Court//
Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer,
II Addl. Senior Civil Judge,
Kalaburagi
Baburao Mangane
Advocate for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 21)
O.S. NO. 25820/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Junaid Pasha ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Junaid Pasha,
S/o. Mr. Javeed Pasha, No.33, 1st Main, 1st Cross, H B Layout, Kushal Nagar, K G Halli, Near Syeda Masid, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 042
Also at
Mr. Junaid Pasha, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, No.22, Ground Floor, Inguysa House, MG Road, Bangalore- 560 001
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.5,41,124/- (Rupees Five Lakh Forty One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 03/08/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
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BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 22)
O.S. NO. 25511/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Ms. Swarupa Roy ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Ms. Swarupa Roy 39 Y,
D/o. Sri. Ranjit Kumar Roy, No. 3/2, 2nd Floor, L No. 6th Street, Ashok Nagar, Ashok Dental Clinic, Bangalore - 560 025
Also at
Ms. Swarupa Roy, 39 Y,
Big Tree Entertainment Pvt. Ltd., No.15, Tirupathi Enterprises, Opp 5th Element, SPA Off Church Street, Rest House, Cres Road, Near Adigas Hotel, Bangalore- 560 001
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.15,98,592/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **28.07.2022** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **27.06.2022**.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
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ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

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Corporates raise referral bonus to attract talent

From contests to gifts, companies are investing hugely in this hiring model

LIFFY THOMAS

Before the pandemic, this technology firm would peg referral bonus for employees somewhere between ₹10,000 and ₹30,000, the amount depending on the role for which a candidate is being referred.

The company recently hiked bonuses across levels, with those for lateral entry registering a 30% increase. For project management roles, the bonus swelled by 85%.

There is all-round effort to make the referral system attractive for employees, as evidenced by the communication pertaining to it. Posters of superhit movies are embedded in email elaborating on the system. Fynd, which reportedly would bring around 2000 engineers more on board by the end of 2023, has initiated two referral policies: It offers a flat 4% of the CTC as referral bonus. For roles requiring niche skills (DevOps engineers being one), it has offered the latest iPhone as gift. Headquartered in Mumbai, this company does 28% of its hiring through referrals.

Ed-infra startup Teachmint conducts "Referral League" to encourage its employees to make referrals and take home cash rewards. The top three "Teachmates" with the most conversions win special prizes. Slice, which offers app-based payment solutions, is among companies that have taken it to the next level, welcoming non-employees to make referrals. Recently, in the case of a successful referral, the referrer was gifted an Apple iPhone12.

Legalwiz was looking for an experienced netSuite developer and limited the referral bonus to ₹10,000.

"As finding the candidate became a challenge as much of the top talent is concentrated in tier-1 cities, we made this a remote-working role and increased the referral bonus to ₹50,000," says Shrijay Sheth, founder, Legalwiz.in.

Sudarshan Ravi, CEO, RippleHire, says technology companies are running differential awards and contests to bag the best talent. There are special incentives for those who bring gender-diverse talent to niche roles such as that of a cloud architect.

"Most companies are running contests to find early joiners ," says Sudarshan. Previously contests used to be run quarterly, he says, and employees were taken to exotic places outside India.

He says service companies are offering bonuses anywhere between ₹75,000 and ₹1 lakh for a senior referral; and SaaS employers, between ₹50,000 and ₹1 lakh. Says Sudarshan, "Joining ratio through referrals is 12 to 20 percent, much better than other recruitment channels; that is why companies are also incentivising early joiners."

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CID questions Amrit Paul

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The CID officials began questioning arrested ADGP Amrit Paul on Tuesday to ascertain possible financial transactions between him and his staff linked to the PSI scam.

According to sources, Paul confessed to have knowledge about the irregularities in the recruitment process during his tenure as ADGP, Recruitment, but refuted the allegations that he had taken money from the candidates.

Senior officials of CID, including P.S. Sandhu, Director General of Police (DGP), are supervising the investigations and questioning Paul based on the statement of the Dy.SP Shanthakumar about the scam. The questions posed by the CID team is on handing over the key of the strong room to Shanthakumar. The officials are also verifying if any transactions have been made to the account of Paul.

Paul denied allegations that the money collected from the candidates was paid to him. He told officials that he should have been more careful in the entire exam process, but his negligence and trust on his juniors had led to the scam, sources said. Officials have seized his mobile phone and sent it to experts to retrieve the data. The CID officials had retrieved data of Shanthakumar and got few audio-clippings, one among them is someone asking Shanthakumar to take the keys of the strong room and get the work done. Police are verifying if the conversation was between Shanthakumar and Paul. It was alleged that around 30 candidates paid ₹30 to ₹40 lakh each to help them tamper with their OMR sheets and the money was given to Paul.

PSI scam: Cong. seeks Bommai's resignation

Party reiterates demand for a judicial probe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A day after the arrest of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Amrit Paul in the police sub-inspectors (PSI) recruitment scam, the opposition Congress demanded the resignation of Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai for allegedly making attempts to protect some politicians and officials involved.

The Congress also demanded immediate sacking of Home Minister Araga Jnanendra who "misled the government and the public" by denying the scam or irregularities in the recruitment scam in the State legislature in March, 2022.

Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Governor should sack

While Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah said Mr. Bommai has no moral authority to continue as Chief Minister, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar said Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot should take the initiative to dismiss the government for allegedly attempting to hush up the multi-crore PSI scam.

Mr Shivakumar termed the CID probe into the PSI scam as "nothing but an eyewash", and demanded a judicial probe. Mr Siddaramaiah reiterated his demand for a judicial probe since the CID would not be able to arrest the politicians and ministers allegedly involved in the scam. "How can an ADGP tamper with OMR sheets of the recruitment exam without orders from higher-ups in the government?" he asked.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said Mr. Jnanendra misled the legislature in March 2022 by claiming that no scam had occurred in the recruitment of PSIs.

He also demanded a probe into all recruitment carried out by Mr Paul who had handled appointments in various departments. ADGP Amrit Paul was heading the recruitment division when the scam broke out.

Both Congress leaders said crores of money had been exchanged among politicians and senior officials allegedly involved in the scam. While some candidates sold land, others pledged their valuables to pay bribes ranging from ₹30 lakh to ₹1 crore to get a job as a PSI. About 1.29 lakh candidates had applied for the post of which only 545 were selected.

Both leaders condemned threats issued to judges of the High Court of Karnataka, and thanked the judiciary for exposing the corruption in the government.

The CID has so far arrested over 60 persons, including the topper of the PSI recruitment exam, who were allegedly using middlemen and officials to get the OMR sheets filled up after the exam.

In April 2022, in the backdrop of alleged malpractices in the PSI recruitment examination, the government had cancelled the results.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that 54,289 candidates appeared for the examination, and they would be eligible to appear in another examination to be conducted by the government.

Advocates' body seeks in-house probe into 'threat' to HC judge

'Make public the name of another judge and a third person, who tried to influence'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Advocates' Association, Bengaluru (AAB) on Tuesday demanded an in-house investigation into the issue of 'threat' posed to Justice H.P. Sandesh, a judge of the High Court, for questioning the functioning of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

Pointing out that the remarks made by Justice Sandesh on July 4 gives an indication that another judge of the High Court tried to "influence" him in the matter of ACB, the association said that such an interference by another judge is unacceptable in the functioning of the judicial system.

H.P. Sandesh

Advocate to write to CJ

Addressing presspersons in Bengaluru, AAB president Vivek Subba Reddy said the association would write a letter to the Chief Justice of India conduct an in-house investigation to unearth the persons behind the 'threat' episode.

"The serious aspect in this incident is the remarks of Justice Sandesh about the threat of his transfer. His remarks that another judge of the High Court told him, based on the information given by another persons, that a judge was transferred to another district, is indeed shocking," Mr. Reddy said. The remarks also gives an impression that the another judge wanted Justice Sandesh not to proceeding further in the ACB matter, said Mr. Reddy.

Details like the name of the High Court judge, who spoke to Justice Sandesh and name of the person, who spoke to the another judge on the earlier instance of transfer of a judge to a district are required to come out in public, said Mr. Reddy. "The present instance affects the independence of the judiciary and there must be some serious introspection on the conduct of the judges and their Dos and Don'ts," the AAB said.

As Justice Sandesh had asked, "Whether the ADGP [Mr. Singh] is so powerful", the AAB has said that it is vital to probe whether it was Mr. Singh, who was behind the another judge for 'influencing' Justice Sandesh.

"Justice Sandesh by his bold judgeship is opening the eyes of three institutions, the political executives, the bureaucracy and the judiciary, and the AAB stands by him in his effort to correct the system," Mr. Reddy said.

Justice Sandesh had disclosed the 'threat' aspect during the hearing on a petition filed by Mahesh P.S., a deputy tahsildar, who is an accused in the ₹5 lakh bribery case involving J. Manjunath, an IAS officer and the then Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru urban district.

Justice Sandesh had questioned the inaction of the ACB as no action was initiated against the DC despite prima facie allegations against him besides observing that probe agency was selecting in its anti-corruption operations.

Theatre artists to enact play to protest disruption of show

'Hindutva activists stopped the play because it had Muslim characters'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN/SHIVAMOGGA

Amateur theatre artists of Shivamogga have decided to protest the disruption of the play *Jategiruvanu Chandira* by Hindutva activists at Anavatti by enacting the play again soon. The play was stopped midway by Bajrang Dal activists late on Sunday night.

Artists, who gathered under the banner of 'Havyasi Rangakalavidara Okkoota', demanded the State government take strict action against those responsible for stopping the play. They have also decided to write to all legislators from the district, inviting them to watch the play.

Letter to Minister

They have also decided to write to V. Sunil Kumar, Minister for Kannada and Culture, and Kumar Bangarappa, Soraba MLA, on the issue and demand that they condemn the incident.

Meanwhile, theatre activists across Karnataka condemned the action by Bajrang Dal activists. The play is an adaptation of Joseph Stein's *Fiddler on the Roof* by well-known writer Jayant Kaikini and Bajrang Dal members took objection to the play having Muslim protagonists and it being staged in a hall owned by Veerashaivas.

'Creating divide'

Prominent theatre troupe Samudaya, Karnataka, has termed the disruption of the play "a continuation of a campaign to create divides between religion, caste and languages" and condemned the "action of RSS and Bajrang Dal in dividing the country." Samudaya has demanded the Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga, to protect freedom of expression, ensure the play is staged and criminal action is initiated against those who disrupted the play.

Theatre personality and poet Raghunandana expressed anguish over 150-odd members of the audience, who were watching the play, not objecting to the disruption and leaving the venue without putting up any resistance. "This is only the latest example of how Hindutva fascism is destroying our society," he said.

He urged the Veerashaiva Mahasabha to stage the play again and prove that they have imbibed the values of Shiva tatva, since the Bajrang Dal activists had disrupted the play in the name of the community.

'Unacceptable'

Another noted theatre activist Prasanna said: "Theatre is always a negotiation between various points of view and disrupting a play is unacceptable."

'Siddaramaiah's birthday will be one-day event'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The birthday of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will be celebrated on August 3 at Davangere and it will be a one-day programme, said former Minister and MLA R.V. Deshpande, who is the honorary chairman of a five-member committee of "Sri Siddaramaiah- 75-Amrit Mahotsva".

At a press conference on Tuesday, he said Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Randeep Singh Surjewala, K.C. Venugopal, Mallikarjun Kharge, and D.K. Shivakumar would attend. Mr. Deshpande said the event would showcase contributions of Mr. Siddaramaiah to the State. A cultural programme and exhibition of photographs would be organised. About five lakh people will attend, he said.

CM, Home Minister launch counter-attack on Congress

'Siddaramaiah would have had to resign several times when he was CM'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Tuesday launched a counter-attack on Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and the Congress for demanding their resignation in connection with the scam in recruitment of Police Sub-Inspectors.

"If this is the benchmark for resignation, then Mr. Siddaramaiah should have resigned several times when he was the Chief Minister as the State witnessed several scams in connection with various recruitments, including the scam related to recruitment of PSIs," Mr. Bommai told reporters in Bengaluru.

"The question paper related to recruitment of PSIs was leaked in Kalaburagi when Mr. Siddaramaiah was the Chief Minister. Did he resign then?" Mr. Bommai shot back, taking exception to the Congress leader's demand for his resignation now. "In fact, the question paper had then leaked from the house of a DIG who had prepared the paper. But the government did not proceed against the guilty officer," he alleged.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jnanendra said the BJP government had displayed courage by arresting an officer of ADGP rank.

"Unlike the erstwhile government led by the Congress that kept quiet on corruption issues and scams, we have acted boldly and in a transparent way. There is no question of protecting those involved in the scam," he declared.

He alleged that none of the episodes that had been handed over to CID for conducting probe during the Congress dispensation had seen a logical end. "They had not even filed charge sheets in the cases where FIRs had been filed. But it is unfortunate that the same leaders are now trying to question our commitment," he said.

Declaring that there was no question of protecting any persons involved in PSI recruitment scam irrespective of their political clout, he asked the Congress leaders to submit any evidence related to anyone involved in the scam.

Alleging that one of the main accused in the case, R.D. Patil, was a prominent Congress leader, he said the Kalaburagi police were set to file a charge sheet against the accused before the court on Wednesday.

Two Malaysian firms ink pact with govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two Malaysian companies on Tuesday signed an MoU with the State government to invest ₹32,200 crore in Karnataka. Petronas Hydrogen and Continental India signed the MoU in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in Bengaluru. Petronas Hydrogen will invest ₹31,200 crore in renewable energy unit near Mangaluru that is expected to generate 3,000 jobs. Continental India will invest ₹1,000 crore to set up its R&D Centre that is expected to generate 6,000 jobs.

Office of the Executive Engineer,
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Tender Notification No.: 10/2022-23 Date: 02.07.2022

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Sd/-Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru.

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IN BRIEF

Former Uduma MLA P. Raghavan dead

KASARAGOD

Former Uduma MLA P. Raghavan, 77, passed away at his house at Bedakam, Kasaragod on Tuesday. He was under treatment for age-related ailments. Mr. Raghavan was a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) Kasaragod district secretariat for 37 years. He was elected MLA from Uduma in 1991 and 1996. He was an active public servant who shaped the cooperative movement in Kasaragod.

SC to hear petitions against advance bail for actor

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to urgently hear the appeals of State of Kerala and an aspiring Malayalam actress who has accused actor-producer Vijay Babu of raping her, against the interim anticipatory bail granted to him in the case.

A Vacation Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee scheduled the hearing for July 6.

In an oral mentioning, senior advocate Jaideep Gupta, for Kerala, and advocate Raghenth Basant, for the 25-year-old woman, said Mr. Babu "bragged" on social media about how he had successfully evaded the process of law by flying to Dubai and Georgia and even publicly revealed the identity of the woman, which was a criminal offence by itself.

'Immense clout'

Despite these doings, a Single Judge of the Kerala High Court had granted him anticipatory bail.

"He revealed my identity and threatened me. He has immense clout in the top echelons of the Malayalam industry... He is constantly using his clout to influence witnesses and tamper with evidence, thwarting the investigation... This is an affront to the rule of law," Mr. Basant submitted during the oral mentioning for an urgent hearing.

Mr. Gupta focussed on the conduct of the accused.

Telangana asks Krishna Board to stop two new A.P. barrages

It raises objections to the constructions without appraisal from the Board

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has raised objection to the plans of Andhra Pradesh to construct two new barrages downstream of the Prakasam Barrage to utilise the water from the Krishna in violation of the provisions A.P. Reorganisation Act and also without appraisal of the Krishna River Management Board and approval of the Apex Council.

C. Muralidhar, Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation-General) of Telangana, addressed a letter to the Chairman of the KRMB, M.P. Singh, requesting him to restrain A.P. from taking up construction stating that they are new projects and could not be taken up without appraisal of the river Board and approval of the Apex Council.

Andhra Pradesh plans to construct two new barrages downstream of the Prakasam Barrage. • FILE PHOTO

Andhra Pradesh plans to construct a barrage 12 km downstream of the Prakasam Barrage with a storage capacity of 2.7 tmcft between Chodavaram and Ramachandrapuram villages.

Similarly, another barrage is planned at 62 km downstream of Prakasam Barrage between Bandi Kollanka and Toorpupalem villages with storage capacity of 4.7 tmcft.

Reports on funds

Citing reports, he stated that the A.P. government had released ₹204 crore for the purpose of survey and the Water Resources Department had sought administrative nod for ₹2,565 crore for taking up construction.

In another letter, Mr. Muralidhar requested the Chairman to examine all the pumped storage hydro-electric projects being taken up by A.P without the required permission.

He brought to the Chairman's notice that Telangana had already written to the board requesting necessary action against A.P. for taking up the projects at Chitravati and Gorakallu reservoirs.

He sought to know how water diverted from a deficit basin to outside basin areas in A.P. in the name of drought-prone areas could be utilised for power generation when the national water policy clearly mandates that drinking water requirements be given priority.

Desilting of the Krishna river begins

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA

In an attempt to increase the storage capacity of the Krishna river and make sand available, the A.P Water Resources Department has undertaken desilting work upstream of the Prakasam Barrage. A target has been set to remove 50 lakh tonnes of silt from the riverbed, sources say.

The A.P. government accorded the administrative approval to ₹102.44 crore for undertaking desilting works on the riverbed upstream Prakasam Barrage in March 2021.

"The work is expected to increase the water storage capacity by 0.441 tmc ft. Desilting is essential to improve the storage capacity, given the growing irrigation and drinking water needs," says Superintending Engineer Sesham Tirumala Rao.

OPS moves HC with plea to stall council meet

'Suit has been filed only for the welfare of the party'

MOHAMED IMRANULLAH S.
CHENNAI

AIADMK leader O. Panneerselvam has filed a civil suit in the Madras High Court with a plea to stall the party's general council meeting, scheduled to be held on July 11.

He claimed that the suit had been filed only for the welfare of the party, and that by no stretch of imagination could it be construed as being against the party's interests.

Justice Krishnan Ramasamy on Tuesday accepted a request made by senior counsel S. Guru Krishnakumar, representing Mr. Panneerselvam, for an early hearing of the suit, and directed the Registry to list it, along with another suit filed by general council member P. Vairamuthu, alias Amman Vairamuthu, who had also sought a similar relief, on Wednesday.

Mr. Panneerselvam said the July 11 meeting was convened illegally and in contravention of the party bylaws. He accused former Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and his supporters of having "surreptitiously manoeuvred" things to their advantage to execute their "sinister plot to amend the basic structure of the party".

He noted that the post of general secretary was abolished after the death of Jayalalithaa on December 5, 2016.

Instead, two new posts - coordinator and joint coordinator [co-coordinator] - were created on September 12, 2017 to carry out the functions of the general secretary, and they were jointly empowered to relax or make alterations to any of the bylaws of the party.

The tenure of the new posts was fixed at five years. In December 2021, the executive council passed a special resolution amending the bylaws to the effect that those who choose to contest the posts of coordinator and joint coordinator should do so jointly, and they would get elected by a single vote from the primary members.

Accordingly, the election was notified on December 2, 2021 and it was announced that polling would take place on December 7. However, since no other duo but Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami filed their nominations, they were declared elected unopposed as the coordinator and joint coordinator respectively.

Unitary leadership

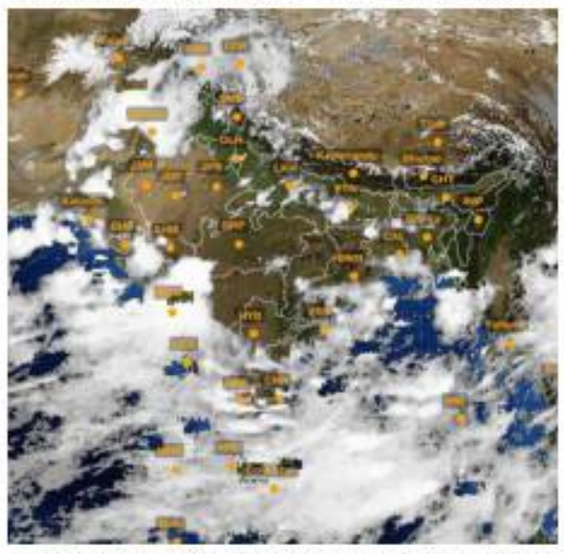
However, now, there was rumbling in favour of unitary leadership, and an effort was made to amend the bylaw in the general council meeting on June 23. A Division Bench of the High Court, however, ordered that no resolution except the 23 draft resolutions approved by Mr. Panneerselvam should be passed at the meeting.

To circumvent the court order, the general council undemocratically rejected the 23 draft resolutions and "illegally" appointed A. Tamil Magan Hussain as permanent presidium chairman, and the latter announced that the next general council would be held on July 11.

"Only the coordinator and joint coordinator have the power to call for the general council meeting. But on June 23, without their consent, the unlawfully appointed presidium chairman announced that the next general council will be held on July 11, which is against Rule 20A(v) of the bylaws of the party," the plaint read.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/isolated places over Uttarakhand, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Ladakh, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Yanam and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.4	33.7	27.2	Kozhikode	77	26.2	23.6
Ahmedabad	–	36.5	27.8	Kurnool	3	33.6	25.7
Aizawl	4	26.0	22.5	Lucknow	–	38.5	29.7
Allahabad	–	37.4	28.5	Madurai	–	33.3	27.4
Bengaluru	2	26.5	20.1	Mangaluru	144.6	25.8	22.9
Bhopal	123.7	32.1	23.0	Mumbai	124	26.7	25.0
Bhubaneswar	15.6	28.2	26.0	Mysuru	6	31.0	19.2
Chandigarh	–	36.3	30.5	New Delhi	0.6	37.9	29.0
Chennai	–	34.2	28.6	Patna	–	37.3	28.1
Coimbatore	1	29.2	22.3	Port Blair	64	27.4	22.7
Dehradun	9	34.2	25.1	Puducherry	–	34.1	26.8
Gangtok	9.9	25.4	18.9	Pune	8.2	28.1	21.9
Goa	126	26.2	23.6	Raipur	–	32.7	24.7
Guwahati	–	37.8	27.8	Ranchi	–	32.4	23.5
Hubballi	–	24.0	22.0	Shillong	0.3	26.8	18.7
Hyderabad	11	32.2	22.8	Shimla	–	29.0	22.2
Imphal	6	31.3	23.0	Srinagar	8	26.9	20.8
Jaipur	–	36.6	29.0	Thiruvananthapuram	16	30.4	22.7
Kochi	9	26.4	24.2	Tiruchi	–	33.3	26.5
Kohima	26	28.6	16.6	Vijayawada	0.2	32.2	25.6
Kolkata	0.3	34.0	27.2	Visakhapatnam	0.3	31.4	27.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.46	.21	.53	..55	..82	...
Bengaluru	.10	.21	.23	..69	..94	...
Chennai	.12	.32	.42	..42	..39	...
Delhi	.11	.55	.73	.207	.148	...
Hyderabad	.18	.21	.63	..19	..32	...
Kolkata	.12	.12	.16	..35	..55	...
Lucknow	.10	.90	.46	..97	..97	...
Mumbai	...1	..–	.43	.114	.105	...
Pune	112	.61	101	..63	..50	...
Visakhapatnam	.16	.38	.30	..52	..81	...

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 237 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 8

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Government of Karnataka
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL
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No.: DUDC/BR/Amruth.N-4/V-TMC/CR/01/2022-23 Date: 05.07.2022

CORRIGENDUM

This refers to our earlier Tender Notification regarding Improvements of Roads & Drains at Vijayapura TMC Limits Bangalore rural district under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municiality) Phase-04. Vide Indent No: DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT133123 has been published. As such in the estimate details of Improvements of Roads & Drains at Vijayapura TMC Limits under (7.25%) component in the Draft tender schedule (DTS) the item code Sl. No. 6 and 25 has been mentioned as "Nos", in the unit description column instead of it can be read as "Running Meter (RMTR)", The tender notification other information remains the same.

Sd/- Execute Engineer
District Urban Development Cell
Bangalore Rural District

DIPR/DDU/AAA/1206/2022-23

COVID-19, DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Office of the Director of Printing, Stationery & Publications
Government Central Press, RV College Post, 8th Mile, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560 059.

No. DPS 06 CST(G) 2022-23/Call-3 Date:04.07.2022

Brief Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Online tenders are invited under KTPP Act 1999 and rules made there-under, in Two Bid System from qualified agencies within the state of Karnataka to provide **MAN POWER SERVICES** on contract basis at Government Security Press, Peenya, Bengaluru who fulfill the eligibility conditions of the Tender Document. Estimated total value of the Tender: **Rs.79.70** lakhs & total EMD: **Rs.4.00 lakhs**. Last date for submission of Tender: **21.07.2022**. Detail tender document may be downloaded from website: **https://eproc.karanataka.gov.in** For further details the above office may be contacted.

Sd/- Director

DIPROP/Jagadale Advertising*1201/2022-23

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, AT ANEKAL
EXECUTION NO. 27 OF 2021

BETWEEN: Mr. PRABHU SWAMY,
S/o. Shekarayya Swamy, ...Decree Holder
AND : 1. M/s. Woodsville Projects Private Limited, Company Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, and another
...Judgment Debtors

To: 1. M/s. Woodsville Projects Private Ltd., Company Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, Row House No.1, Gold Field Enclave, South Main Road, Koregaon Park, Pune-411001. Represented by its Directors.
2. Mr. Ayush Thapa, S/o. Mr. Mahendra Singh Thapa, aged about 38 years, Residing at No.187, Sofia Manzil, Bangalore - 94.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE ON I.A.

Whereas the Decree Holder in the above case had filed the above Execution Petition against you seeking to execute the registered sale deed in respect of site No.43, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq.feets, in the layout formed by Woodsville, as per the Decree and Judgment dated 17.03.2020 passed in O.S.No.905/2015. The above case is posted on 11-08-2022. Hence you are hereby called to appear before this court of Principal Senior Civil Judge, at Anekal on **11-08-2022 at 11. A.M** in person or through your advocate failing which you will be placed Exparte and the matter will be decided on merits in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal this court on this **the 21st day of June 2022**

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Anekal

H. K. PARAMESHWARAN, Advocate
Tejaswini Complex, Opp to Vijay Kumar Layout, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, B'lore - 562106.

APPOINTMENT

भारतीय पैकेजिंग संस्थान
Indian Institute of Packaging

RECRUITMENT NOTICE- IIP-01/2022

Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) invites applications for filling up of the post of **Chief Finance Officer (CFO)** detailed as under Direct Recruitment:

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Pay Level (as per 7th CPC)	No. of Vacancies
1	Chief Finance Officer (CFO)	Pay Level-12	01 (UR)

Educational Qualifications: Qualified Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or MBA (Finance) from a UGC recognized University with 10 years of experience dealing with Financial, Accounting, Taxation and audit matters. Preference will be given to the candidates found well versed with financial principles/rules/instructions followed in Government and have experience in dealing with Government organizations / PSU / Autonomous bodies / Commodity Boards / EPC's.

Age Limit: 50 years.

For application format with terms and conditions, please refer career section of IIP website **www.iip-in.com**

Last Date for receiving Application: 06th August 2022

Sd/-
Joint Director & Officer In Charge

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/F-2/2022-23/3385-88 Date: 02.07.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) is a registered company wholly owned by Government of Karnataka. As per Central Electricity Authority (CEA) regulation, KPTCL is supplying electricity in various voltage capacities (400/220/66kV) to BMAZ area through overheads and underground cables. As per the Central Electricity Authority, clause-61 (CEA Regulation-Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) residing in the building constructed under/close to overhead lines without safety clearance, Constructing New Residential Buildings, Industries, Commercial Establishments etc. is prohibited in view of the safety of public and property.

There are several overhead lines in Bengaluru and surrounding areas. Constructing buildings/ temporary sheds close to electric towers or lying banners and buntings to the tower are extremely dangerous. Due to this, the number of electrical accidents is increasing day by day and many people's lives and their properties are at risk. Walking, flying kites and drying clothes on top of the buildings constructed close to or below EHT power lines violating regulations is very dangerous. Individuals will be exposed to arcing zone of high voltage lines which will result in casualties or even death. The officers of the transmission line maintenance sub-divisions are educating about this to the owner/ tenant of the property constructed below/close to the EHT overhead lines through various awareness meeting. So, in order to stop such accidents owners/ residents of such buildings should not allow anyone to walk on such buildings and if possible, they should close the ways that leads to the terrace. Also portion of the building which is not having sufficient clearance as per the regulations should be demolished by the owner of the building.

As per annexure of C.E.A (Measures relating to Safety and Electric supply) Regulations 2010, construction of buildings below EHT power lines is illegal. For overhead lines of 66kV and above Safety corridor is maintained in view of safety. The owners of the buildings that are constructed close to the EHT power lines should see that, the minimum horizontal clearance as below shall be maintained as per the regulations.

	66kV	220kV	400kV
Horizontal	2.3 Mtrs.	3.8 Mtrs.	5.6 Mtrs.

As per C.E.A regulations, it is the responsibility of every citizen to maintain minimum horizontal distance as mentioned above. We would like to make it clear that, KPTCL will not be held responsible for any accidents and that the owners of those buildings / people residing in those buildings and the department which is providing basic necessity to those buildings will be held responsible for the same.

This notification is issued in public interest.

Sd/- **The Superintending Engineer Elec., Tr(M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore - 560 009.**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Water Resources Department
Executive Engineer,UKP.Reh.Divn No.2, Almatti Tq: Nidagundi, Dist: Vijayapur Land Phone No.08426-281049

No.UKP\REH-2\DB\E-Proc/Tender-04/2022-23\639 Date:- 04.07.2022.

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)(Two Cover System)

In accordance with The Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, the Percentage rate Electronic Tenders through e-Procurement platform in Two cover system in KW- 3 & 4 through standard Tender documents are invited by the Executive Engineer, UKP, Reh. Division No.2, Almatti on behalf of The Governor of Karnataka State from Registered Contractors of Class-I & above in PWD Category- II & III & above enrolled in KBJNL/the Contractor Enrolled. The details of works tendered and dates are shown below. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website **www.eproc.Karnataka.Govt.In** and shall be submitted in e-procurement portal. Construction of RCC Side drains, Storm Water drain, Metalling and Asphalting to wide I C Roads, Construction of CD's, Improvement to Roads in various R.C's Hungund Taluk Bagalkot Dist, Providing borewell sources, pumping machineries, pipe line at Chikkgalagli Mahalbagayat in Vijaypur Dist. Building Package work in Kolhar R C B.Bagewadi Taluk, Construction 8 Room School Building at Shirbur-Chikkgalgali (Junjurkoppa) RC's Shirbur part in Mudhol Taluka. No.of works – 08 Nos. **Amount put to Tender Maximum Rs.430.00 lakh & Minimum Rs. 67.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount Maximum Rs. 6.45 and Minimum of 1.34 lakh 1)** Last date for Tender queries / clarification: **08-07-2022 upto 11.30 A.M. 2)** Pre bid meeting on **13-07-2022 at 11.30 A.M.** at division office. (For works of costing 1 Crore & above). **3)** Last date for blank tender forms and submission of completed tender documents: **20-07-2022 upto 5.00 P.M. 4)** Opening of technical bid: **22-07-2022 at 11.00 A.M. 5)** Financial bids will be opened after approval of technical bids.**(The Estimate amount put to Tender is exclusive of GST but including all other charges as applicable. GST shall be paid to the Tendered Amount Separately)** For more information contact the Office of the Executive Engineer, UKP.Reh.Divn No.2, Almatti during working hours or from website **www.eproc.Karnataka.govt.in.**

Executive Engineer,
UKP.Reh.Divn No.2, Almatti

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Before the Central Government Registrar of Companies, Bangalore

In the matter of sub-section (3) of Section13 of Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 and rule 17 of the Limited Liability Partnership Rules, 2009

In the matter of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, Section 13 (3) AND In the matter of **NINEYARDS COMMUNICATION CONSULTANCY LLP** having its registered office at **1st Floor, No.F2, Palm Springs, 16th Main, 4th B Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560034** Petitioner Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the LLP proposes to make a petition to Registrar of Companies, Bangalore under section 13 (3) of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 seeking permission to change its Registered office from the state of "**Karnataka**" to the state of "**Maharashtra**". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the LLP may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by Registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition supported by an affidavit to the Registrar of Companies, Bangalore, within 21(twenty one) days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the petitioner LLP at its registered office at the address mentioned above.

For and on behalf of
NINEYARDS COMMUNICATION CONSULTANCY LLP
Sd/- **SHWETA ARUN IYER**
(Designated Partner)
DPIN: 02163547
Date: 06.07.2022 Place: Bangalore

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru-560 072.

Date: July 5, 2022

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS AT POPULATION RESEARCH CENTRE (PRC), ISEC

Sl.No.	Post	Number of Posts
1	Research Fellow	1
2	Data Assistant	1

The last date for receiving applications is July 20, 2022.

Detailed advertisement and the prescribed application form can be downloaded from www.isec.ac.in.

ISEC-2209

Registrar

INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED VIROLOGY
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695317

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION – SCIENTIST POSITIONS

IAV/308/HR/2022 dated: 04.07.2022

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for appointment to the following permanent scientist positions on direct recruitment/deputation basis:

Sl	Position	Pay level (as per 6th CPC)	No of vacancies
1	Senior Principal Scientist	PB-4, GP-8900	01
2	Scientist - E II	PB-4, GP-8700	06
3	Scientist - C	PB-3, GP-6600	02

For application form and further details log on to www.iav.kerala.gov.in.

Last date for the receipt of application: 31.08.2022.

Sd/-
Director

Convenient lies

The BJP should not feed the fake news ecosystem to score political points

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's comments about SFI activists, where he forgave those who had vandalised his office in his Lok Sabha constituency, Wayanad in Kerala, were an act of sagacity that is rare. In a disturbing, but recurring sign of the toxicity that pervades the country's public space, his comments were presented by a TV channel as condoning the Islamist bigots in Udaipur who ruthlessly killed a man they suspected of supporting blasphemy. The channel and the anchor in question issued an apology, but only after the malicious act blew up as an indefensible scandal. BJP leader and former Union Minister – for Information and Broadcasting, no less – Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, and some other party leaders who shared the same doctored video on social media did not feel any compulsion to retract their endorsement of the fake news. The doctored video clip, flagged 'out of context' by Twitter, remains on their timelines. Mr. Gandhi could be seen and heard as saying that it was children who did that, and while it was a mistake, the issue could be put to rest. The malicious misrepresentation of these words by the news channel and the BJP leaders is an extremely irresponsible act in a country that is deeply polarised. The Congress wrote to BJP President J.P. Nadda to take action against these leaders for spreading fake news, and get the doctored video removed. The BJP has not responded.

The police in Chhattisgarh, a State that is under Congress rule, have registered an FIR on the fake news video and complaints have been filed in other States as well. A police team from the State was prevented by the police in Uttar Pradesh – a BJP-ruled State – from taking the accused TV anchor into custody, adding yet another layer to the controversy. The BJP claims to be a party with a strong leadership that is serious about internal discipline. If its leaders are not expected to talk out of line from the official position of the party, the question that begs an answer is whether Mr. Rathore is acting in accordance with it. If his position is not the BJP's position, the party must immediately clarify that and consider action against Mr. Rathore and other leaders who are brazenly spreading misinformation that could ignite more violence. The fact is that communally provocative statements are an easy route to popularity in the BJP ecosystem, and the party is either helpless or has no capacity to contain the malaise. By scripting an outright lie, the channel and the anchor further exposed the deep crisis of journalism in the country; as the ruling party at the Centre, the BJP must distance itself from Mr. Rathore's act.

A matter of import

Spectre of wider trade and current account deficits is dragging the rupee down

India's monthly merchandise trade deficit hit a fresh record of $25.6 billion in June as per preliminary estimates released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry on Monday. This is the third occasion in seven months and the second month in a row that the trade deficit has widened to all-time highs. In June, the value of outbound shipments grew 16.8%, marginally slower than the 20.6% growth recorded in May, to about $38 billion – reflecting the third successive month of moderation. Worryingly, four of India's top 10 export items – engineering goods, cotton yarn, drugs and pharma and plastic products – contracted from a year ago. Petroleum exports were up 98% from June 2021, but about $0.7 billion lower than May 2022. Even as exports growth slid, imports surged by over 51% to $63.6 billion in June, crossing the $60 billion mark for the fourth month in a row. Coal imports, up almost 242% year-on-year, and petroleum inflows, up 94.2%, drove nearly three-fourths of this surge. And although gold imports, which had soared nearly eight-fold in May to touch 107 tonnes, moderated from over $6 billion that month to $2.6 billion in June, they were still 169% higher than a year ago and significantly over April's imports of $1.7 billion. The trade deficit for Q1 adds up to a record $70.25 billion, over two times higher than a year ago.

The tangible slowdown in exports, due to weaker global demand, is unlikely to change much soon, with recessions or sharp growth slowdowns expected in several developed markets. Domestic demand for imports of oil, fertilizers, coal and even gold – a safe haven for investors amid tumultuous financial markets – is largely inelastic, and elevated global prices for these will continue to escalate the import bill through this year. The weakening rupee, which tumbled further to 79.37 *vis-à-vis* the U.S. dollar on Tuesday, will raise import costs further. Analysts expect the rupee to scale the 82 to a dollar mark by the October to December quarter before recovering and the current account deficit to more than double to around 3% of GDP this year from 1.2% in 2021-22. Robust forex reserves notwithstanding, the persistent outflows of foreign capital from the financial markets have triggered concerns about the balance of payments situation. Last week, the Government imposed a windfall tax on crude oil production that could help bridge concerns about the fiscal deficit. It also placed restrictions on petroleum products' exports and acknowledged that gold imports were hurting the current account by raising customs duties to 15% from 10.75%. This may end up hurting petroleum exports further while import duties may not dent India's unparalleled appetite for the yellow metal as much as hoped. Coal imports, on the other hand, are expected to keep hitting record highs as the monsoon will affect domestic output. Policy makers may have little room to manoeuvre out of this vicious cycle, but missteps must be avoided and domestic inefficiencies hurting exports reviewed urgently.

Indian aviation needs a strong and steady tailwind

Policymakers ought to recognise the country's untapped potential and work towards dismantling the many hurdles

G.R. GOPINATH

Around four decades ago, India had two television channels – Doordarshan One and Doordarshan Two. A programming highlight was a popular R.K. Laxman cartoon. On channel one, there was programming on Indira Gandhi and when a viewer got bored, he switched to the other channel, which had programming on Sanjay Gandhi, her second son and a politician who mattered then. There were only two car companies, manufacturing the Ambassador and the Fiat Premier Padmini; two motorcycle and two scooter companies, that made the Enfield India and Ideal Jawa bikes, and the Bajaj and Lambretta scooters, respectively; one telephone company, two airlines, Air India and Indian Airlines, and a bunch of crumbling public sector airports.

Then came some change. Thanks to the far-sighted reforms ushered in by P.V. Narasimha Rao, who was ably assisted by Manmohan Singh, and carried forward during the Rajiv Gandhi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee eras and also subsequent governments, India now has over 500 television channels, more than 20 automobile and 15 two-wheeler manufacturers, a revolution and proliferation in the cellphone sector (but now in danger of becoming a duopoly), and a plethora of pharmaceutical companies. The country is a pioneer and world leader in vaccine production and a mighty nation in software and financial services, which are the envy of the rest of the world for innovation and being low cost. But there is also a twist to this tale. There are a number of airline companies, but they are struggling.

The reforms that opened up the aviation sector in 1991 and ended the licence raj and the monopoly of Indian Airlines and Air India changed the sector. A slew of private sector airlines were given the licence to fly, but two, Jet Airways and Sahara, survived, resulting in cartelisation. There was change again when the concept of low cost airlines in India took shape in 2003 which overcame the cost barrier. There was an explosion in demand and the common man could think of flying. Along with this came a liberalisation of various other sectors that propelled India to the front; it was a vibrant and an emerging economic power and a leader among developing economies.

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Barriers and some data

Sadly, while all other sectors have grown by leaps and bounds, Indian aviation has become 'the sick man of India'. The growth of aviation has been affected by choking regulations, tough entry barriers for new entrants, high fuel prices on account of sky high taxes, and inefficient public sector airports that are paving the way for monopoly airports that are extortionist in the absence of robust competition. Frequent and knee-jerk changes only point to the absence of a long-term visionary strategic policy not just for airlines but also for the entire gamut of sectors in aviation.

The number of Indians who buy air tickets in a year is 140 million (the figure for 2019) before COVID-19 struck and ravaged the economy. They are not 140 million different individuals as it seems. That number comprises 35 million to 40 million frequent flyers who form the bulk of ticket buyers. It translates to less than 4% of the population who can afford air travel, placing India just alongside some poorer African countries, in terms of the per capita consumption of air tickets. Brazil, Malaysia, Indonesia and China are way ahead of India.

Hard numbers across the world for the pre-COVID-19 year 2019 provide context to the story. Ireland, not the biggest of economies, had 28 million domestic air passengers or tickets sold against a population of five million. In Europe, it was 1,146 million passengers for a population of 447 million; in the United States, it was 927 million passengers for a population of 325 million. Let us leave the most developed economies. Here is more data: Brazil 119 million passengers/population 215 million; Malaysia 63 million passengers/population approximately 33 million; Indonesia 116 million passengers/population nearly 280 million, and China, 660 million passengers/1.4 billion people. In contrast, India, with 1.25 billion people, had 140 million domestic passengers. And, finally, some more numbers: Ethiopia five million passengers/population nearly 120 million and Egypt, 13.2 million passengers/ population 100 million.

A Eureka moment

I founded a helicopter company in 1995, but in 2002 I envisioned a new vibrant India that had unleashed consumer aspirations in its citizens in the wake of a flood of reforms in the economy in China. The explosion of television channels that spurred consumer demand through advertisement unshackled the entrepreneurial 'animal spirits' that had been long dormant in India.

Let me give you an example. In 2002, while transiting at Luton airport (one of the six major international airports serving the London Metropolitan area) on my way to the United States for an aviation conference, I saw an advertisement that hit me like lightning – 13 million passengers per annum flew through this tiny airport. To make this more relatable, that was the number of passengers who passed through nearly 40 airports in India that were operational then. Later, on a domestic flight in Phoenix in Midwest U.S., the passenger in the seat next to me was a heavily tattooed burly man in shorts and bunions who was travelling with his family. As we chatted, I learnt that he was a carpenter visiting the Grand Canyon. It was a journey that was my Eureka moment. I decided that India was ready for a revolution and launched a low cost airline on a wing and a prayer, and invested with hope and optimism – the invisible fuel of any economy.

It was a crazy idea but the environment seemed conducive under the National Democratic Alliance government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Entrepreneurs break the status quo, smash cartels and create new markets. There are the examples of Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and even India's N.R. Narayana Murthy who founded Infosys (with other professionals) with an initial capital investment of ₹10,000. Today, one has the newer examples of Byju or PayTm. Naresh Goyal was a humble travel agent who put together some funds and built a world class airline, Jet Airways. Capital will eventually find entrepreneurs who have revolutionary ideas just as river coursing through land finds the sea. As we have seen many times, a mighty war chest need not guarantee the success of a game-changing venture.

The 'Start-up India' initiative is a laudable initiative by the government of the day and the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. It is by and large the driving force in hi-tech companies and disrupting many conventional businesses. But the point is that this force must spread to other areas. Aviation is integral to equitable economic growth, for a country to be globally competitive and to change the situation in swathes of India that are struggling with poverty and unemployment. Passenger airlines and air cargo overcome geography and connect remote areas are alienated from the mainstream. They can drive investment deep into the country, giving people access to markets. More importantly, they boost tourism, which is the largest employment generator in the unorganised sector.

With mega airports controlling air and ground space, it is almost impossible to connect rural and small towns from the large metros. Despite the regional airport development plan, 'Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) initiative, there is not much regional connectivity. And where slots are made available with difficulty, there is the barrier of prohibitive costs.

Carry out these reforms

India's air cargo growth is also languishing. Hong Kong airport alone handles more cargo than all of India's over 100 airports put together. Air cargo integrated with road, rail and port infrastructure is the backbone of a growing economy. It is critical to understand that for passenger airlines to grow, there have to be reforms in all areas of aviation, i.e., air cargo, airports, aviation fuel taxes (State and central, which in India are among the highest in the world) and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO). They are in a dismal state in India. For example, there are labyrinthine taxes, customs, other duties and tortuous rules to be overcome to bring in parts, to facilitate repair and overhaul, and to re-export them or for use in aircraft here. This is a huge deterrent. Airlines find it easier to send their aircraft to major MROs abroad (Dubai, Singapore or Germany), some of which employ Indian technicians. Similarly, the charter business has remained stagnant. It is ironic that when there are thousands of pilots and technicians unemployed in India, airlines have to look for foreign pilots and engineers, pushing up costs in the process.

Trough and crest

And, finally, there is India's Aircraft Act, 1934 and Aircraft Rules, 1937. Though there are frequent modifications under the above overarching mother Act and Rules, India has not kept pace with modern technology in aerospace, increasing costs to the industry and ultimately affecting passenger growth. Regulators are not popular in any country. India's statutory regulatory authority, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, needs to be modernised, well-staffed, motivated and incentivised. There need to be aviation professionals in charge rather than the ubiquitous bureaucrat from the Indian Administrative Service There needs to be a comprehensive overhaul and deep reforms.

But despite the setbacks and deterrents, there is a silver lining. India may not possess all. But it has an inexhaustible market and largely untapped potential. That is what gives many of us hope. Policymakers need to be asked only one question: What should the Government do to make the common Indian fly high? How does one increase the figure of 4% who fly now to 50% in the next two decades?

The answer will guide the aviation road map we aspire for.

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Handcuffing, a judicial tap, and the long arm of the law

The Supreme Court's directives on handcuffing must be observed, but issues that affect police reform cannot be ignored

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Recently, the Karnataka High Court passed a verdict on handcuffing, which is significant. In *Suprit Ishwar Divate vs The State of Karnataka*, while awarding two lakh rupees as compensation for handcuffing an accused, without recording the reasons in the police case diary, it gave liberty to the state to recover the amount from the delinquent police officer.

Principles of handcuffing

The High Court held that an accused, in normal circumstances, need not be handcuffed on arrest. It is only under exceptional circumstances (such as the possibility of escape and/or the possibility of causing harm to himself or others), that handcuffing an accused can be resorted to. Further, when there is such handcuffing, the arresting officer must record the reasons, which then would have to stand judicial/court scrutiny. The petitioner in this case was a law student against whom five criminal cases had been filed for offences under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 for the dishonour of cheques. He had been arrested in furtherance of a non-bailable warrant issued by a magistrate.

There can be three occasions when a person can be (legally) handcuffed, i.e., an accused on his arrest and before he is produced before the magistrate; an undertrial prisoner during transit from jail to the court and back; and a convict being transported from jail to the court and back. The law with regard to handcuffing was settled in 1980 when the Supreme Court of India, in *Prem Shankar Shukla vs Delhi Administration*, held that 'the only circumstance which validates incapacitation by irons – an extreme measure – is that otherwise there is no other reasonable way of preventing his escape'. It said that where an arrestee or a convict can be prevented from escape by increasing security, such an increase is to be a norm rather than handcuffing.

On compensation

The Court mandated that in case of handcuffing, the reasons for this have to be recorded in writing and it is the duty of the court to make inquiries with the person arrested as to whether he had been handcuffed or not and then approve or reject the reasons. The Supreme Court passed similar directives in another case with regard to undertrial prisoners. Thus, irrespective of whether the person to be handcuffed is an accused or an undertrial prisoner or a convict, the principles governing handcuffing remain the same. However, if such a person is under the judicial custody of the court, the court's permission is required for handcuffing except under emergent circumstances.

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The next point is about who should pay compensation. It is an established principle that the relief of monetary compensation for an 'established infringement of the fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution is a remedy available in public law, which is based on the strict liability for contravention of the guaranteed basic and indefeasible rights of the citizens'. The constitutional courts are empowered to grant such relief 'against the state or its servants in the purported exercise of their powers'. So, who should pay such compensation?

In *State of Maharashtra vs Ravikant S. Patil* (1991), when there were allegations of handcuffing and the parading of an under-trial prisoner of murder on the streets, the Bombay High Court held the Inspector of Police responsible for violation of Article 21, ordering him to pay ₹10,000 as compensation. However, the Supreme Court (though it upheld the judgment of the High Court directing compensation) held that the police officer was not personally liable as he had acted in his official capacity.

The top court modified the order to that extent and directed the state (and not the police inspector) to pay the compensation. Therefore, the judgment of the Karnataka High Court (discussed above) as far as payment of compensation by the police officer is concerned, does not appear to be in sync with the ratio of the Supreme Court judgment. The police officer might have failed to implement the court's directives, but he was not acting in his personal capacity.

Possible solutions

However, the High Court rightly said that it is the state's responsibility to equip all police stations with adequate and necessary police personnel to discharge their obligations. Therefore, in absence of the required infrastructure, the blame of non-compliance cannot be shifted only to the police officer.

It is undisputed that a police station or a reserve police line is often unable to provide sufficient escort to jail authorities in the transportation of under-trial prisoners to court, the reasons being a lack of manpower or urgent law-and-order duties. It may also become difficult at times to predict the conduct of an arrestee on the spot.

A National Crime Records Bureau publication (Ministry of Home Affairs) on 'Crime in India-2020' shows that 810 cases of prisoner escape from police custody (against 931) were reported in the year 2020. No less than 117 cases were registered against negligent police officers as well. These numbers may not be very high, but are sufficient to substantiate the fact that the use of handcuffs is generally done to prevent escape and not to dehumanise criminals.

Nonetheless, if any malice is found behind the use of handcuffs, it needs to be dealt with strongly by the department. Similarly, there cannot be a justifiable excuse for not mentioning the reasons for handcuffing in the case diary.

The Supreme Court, in the Ravikant S. Patil (supra) case, had rightly said that the authorities concerned may, if they think it necessary, hold an inquiry and then decide on action against the police inspector. Therefore, the right approach would be to initiate disciplinary action against the errant officer under service conduct rules, rather than to order the payment of compensation.

It would also be appropriate for State governments to review the mobility of the police, the requirement of additional manpower and technical gadgets (such as body cameras, as recommended by the Karnataka High Court) periodically, and exempt at least the police department from the ban on recruitment. *Per contra*, the enforcement agencies and lower courts are duty bound to implement, in letter and spirit, the Supreme Court's directives on handcuffing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doctored video chain

The former Union Minister in question – and, ironically, for Information and Broadcasting – Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore cannot behave as if he is unaware of the consequences emerging from the very act of sharing fake videos in today's digital age. He ought to have stopped himself and even instructed his colleagues to do the same thing. A Minister who was responsible for handling information should have set impeccable standards for weeding out misinformation. By not initiating any action against the BJP leaders, what kind of a message does the ruling party want to send?

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Governor's conduct

Going by the manner in which some Governors conduct themselves, one really wonders whether they have been planted in these States to act with an agenda. The developments in Maharashtra, where all norms were cast aside, shows that Governors act more as members of the ruling party than as a constitutional head.

THARCIUS S. FERNANDO,
Chennai

Centre Court at 100

The picture that celebrated the 100th anniversary of Centre Court ('Sport' page - "Galaxy of stars", July 4) was rivetting. Wimbledon only conjures up the image of prestigious tennis. Of all the memorable images of Centre Court, it is perhaps Jana Novotna's breakdown, where she cried on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent after she lost to Steffi Graf in the 1993 Wimbledon final, that can count as the best. With the Centre Court being the most storied venue in tennis, commemorating 100 years of its existence is akin to commemorating the game itself.

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Helping Sri Lanka more meaningfully

Interventions which aid recovery and include relief with dignity should be the basis of any future assistance

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A cargo ship carrying essential supplies from India. • REUTERS

The economic crisis in Sri Lanka has significantly reduced incomes, reduced the availability and affordability of food and thus increased the risk of food insecurity, particularly of the most vulnerable households.

Lower income groups and war-affected families in the north and east have little or no cash reserves, and limited access to resources such as land. The problem is more acute among women-headed households, people with disabilities, former combatants, the working class, marginalised caste groups and plantation workers who, due to multiple historical injustices such as discrimination and statelessness, have been systemically denied access to resources. These groups, who have been exposed to immediate shocks amid long-term stresses, will bear the brunt of the economic crisis as food stocks deplete and production costs soar. The depreciating Sri Lankan rupee and the lack of foreign exchange have made it enormously difficult for the island to import even the most basic essentials, including food and medicines. As a consequence, the cost of staple food items such as rice, bread and daal have increased by over 50% in the last six months alone.

Indian assistance

India has emerged as the foremost partner for Sri Lanka at this time. It has provided assistance of about $3.5 billion this year to manage the shock caused by this economic catastrophe, compounded by the government's incompetence, mismanagement and corruption. As Sri Lankans receive food aid from Tamil Nadu with gratitude, some questions about the transparency and impartiality of the government's distribution of the same have already arisen.

Meanwhile, there is a need for more thoughtful assistance to the people, especially the poor, who will only be worse off in the coming months. Some also fear that they might be left out of the government's recovery efforts, led by an International Monetary Fund programme that will likely prescribe austerity. In this context, the Indian government and the people of Tamil Nadu could go beyond relief and explore supporting an employment guarantee scheme, drawing from the experiences of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, for a dignified and sustainable recovery of the economy.

Social safety nets provided by the Sri Lankan state are either inadequate or ineffective. There is no functional public distribution system. The maximum monthly household cash transfer (LKR 4,000, or about ₹900) provided through Samurdhi, the government's poverty alleviation programme, is grossly insufficient.

A work guarantee scheme assuring working people of 100 to 120 days of work annually could provide relief. Compensation for this labour could be made 70% in kind, such as rice partly procured in Sri Lanka, along with wheat, daal, and other pulses not available locally, and kerosene. The remaining 30% could be paid in cash to the worker. The food component combined with cash will ensure that families are protected from inflation. This will support their emotional, physical and nutritional well-being in a dignified way. 'Work' could include strengthening agricultural infrastructure by repairing embankments, channels, and drainage. It could include providing care for children, the elderly and patients. This would be especially helpful for working women and those with old and terminally ill family members looking for a carer. Internships or on-the-job traineeships could even involve and be funded by the private sector in India through Corporate Social Responsibility projects.

The United Nations estimates that 50 lakh people, or about 20% of Sri Lanka's poorest, are at highest risk. Aid from India could target this group. By reaching 10 lakh families, or approximately 15% of Sri Lanka's households, this aid could reduce market demand for food and help control demand-driven inflation, thus retaining food prices within reasonable limits for other sections of the population as well.

To facilitate the cash part of the aid, the Indian government could buy LKR in exchange for its value in INR thus allowing the Sri Lankan government to use the INR earned to procure more Indian medical supplies or food. Aid could be mobilised from Tamil Nadu and other States and NGOs to reduce the cost to the Central government.

Increasing food production

Resolving this crisis will also require interventions to increase domestic food production. Agriculture production fell by almost 50% due to an ill-conceived ban on chemical fertilizers in 2021. India has provided a credit facility to import fertilizer, which is timely support to incentivise farmers to resume cultivation. But more needs to be done to assist small farmers to re-engage, increase and maximise cultivation. Any increase in production will necessarily have a deflationary impact on prices, which could stabilise the prices of food and contribute to improving the broader economic climate.

Earmarking funds for specific purposes, including for provision of cheap credit to small farmers and sharing expertise in good agricultural practices, repairing, remobilising and deploying farm equipment previously gifted by the Indian government, and the management of these schemes will ensure that the benefit of assistance reaches producers directly. In addition, devising insurance schemes will give farmers an incentive to cultivate without fear of losses in the event of drought or floods. Importantly, the Indian government should ensure that the implementation of these programmes is equitable and impartial, especially in the context of the grievances of the Tamil-speaking minorities who have suffered historic exclusion.

India has been generous in helping Sri Lanka. Apart from the $3.5 billion extended so far, more was promised during the Indian Foreign Secretary's recent visit. Tamil Nadu, which contributed rice and other essential items, is now preparing to send 4,500 MT of rice and other relief material. Food relief can only soften the hardship in what will be many difficult years to recovery unless the Sri Lankan state mends it ways.

Presently credit lines are being used for fuel, for servicing the needs of private vehicles, while fisherman have inadequate supplies of kerosene for their fishing boats and are consequently near starvation. Professor Amal Kumarage of the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka points out that while 76% of fuel is consumed for passenger travel, 51% is taken up by cars, pickups and SUVs. In comparison, the Sri Lanka Transport Board Buses consume only 17%.

At the end of the war, the Indian housing programme provided significant humanitarian and socio-economic benefits to devastated people in the Northeast and to hill country communities. With 50,000 houses built over five years, people had houses to live in and also livelihoods. A strategic intervention such as this, which aids recovery and includes relief with dignity, should be the basis of any future assistance. The housing programme earned goodwill for India. A programme guaranteeing employment and supporting production will be a meaningful follow-up to that. Such an intervention will also be in India's interest.

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The way to control tuberculosis

Three major deficiencies of the Revised National TB Control Programme need correction

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Tuberculosis is the worst among endemic diseases, killing 1.5 million people every year (WHO). TB affects adults in their most productive years and therefore impoverishes the family and the nation. In India, the TB capital of the world, the disease kills some 1,400 persons every day. These are gross estimates, for our health management system has no method to count the exact numbers.

In the 1950s and '60s, India was the global leader in research in epidemiology, transmission and domiciliary treatment of TB. The National TB Control Programme of 1962 was a district-based one with public-private participation. However, upscaling the model proved unsuccessful and the programme failed to control TB. With that we lost self-confidence and began doing what we were told to do by the WHO under the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP). WHO experts, without factoring in the differences between the TB epidemiology of poor and rich countries, used a theoretical construct of TB control to design RNTCP. By 2018, India realised that light at the end of the tunnel was still elusive.

Flaws in the programme

There are obvious flaws in the RNTCP. First, for a programme that is heavily funded by the government, there is no prescribed method of monitoring the trajectory of TB control. Contrast this with the National AIDS Control Programme. Before the National AIDS Control Organization was established, the Indian Council of Medical Research-managed AIDS Control Task Force had a unique method of monitoring the control trajectory, popularly called 'sentinel surveillance'. Through it, we have data on infection prevalence that can be compared across years, starting from 1986 to date. There was pressure from WHO experts to abandon it, but credit must be given to Dr. Sriram P Tripathy, the then Director General of ICMR, for politely but firmly refusing to oblige.

Recently India confronted the WHO's estimates on COVID-19 deaths in India. That the government could publicly stand up to WHO was a good sign. We must now boldly point out the flaws of the WHO-designed RNTCP and design our own comprehensive strategy.

Second, the assumption that treating pulmonary TB patients alone would control TB was epidemiologically fallacious in India. The theoretical principle is 'source reduction'. If one patient is the proximate source of infection and disease to another in the community, early diagnosis and treatment would work as source reduction. India is a high-burden country. Large proportions of adults carry TB infection in the lung in a dormant condition for life (latent TB). Some among them deteriorate and develop overt TB disease (reactivation TB). HIV infection, diabetes, undernutrition, lung damage due to pollution, tobacco smoking, fall in immune functions due to chronic diseases, alcoholism, etc. accelerate reactivation TB.

Third, RNTCP has failed to elicit people's partnership in TB control. In India's AIDS Control Programme, public education was given high priority. Red ribbon clubs in schools and colleges are its legacy. Without people's informed participation, stigma and delay in seeking help will continue.

Realising that TB was not under control, WHO called for another programme revision through a World Health Assembly Resolution in 2014 to eliminate TB by 2035. Emboldened by the promise of an effective strategy, the Prime Minister announced in 2018 that India would eliminate TB by 2025.

Controlling TB

Epidemiologically, human mastery over microbes includes control, elimination and eradication. Control refers to the reduction of disease burden through specific interventions to a pre-determined level in a pre-stated time period. Evidence will have to show that reduction was due to those interventions and not due to a 'secular trend'. Diseases that have social determinants tend to decline over time with better housing, nutrition, education and income – this is what a 'secular trend' is. Globally, by this 'secular trend', the burden of TB had been falling by 1% or 1.5% per year.

Elimination refers to achieving zero frequency of new cases. As we have a huge backlog of latent TB, we cannot eliminate TB, but we must aim for a high level of control (lowering from 200 per lakh per year to 50 per lakh per year) and document it with measurement. That will do justice to the Prime Minister's vision. High control is achievable as we have major assets by way of the RNTCP. Trained State and District TB officers are already on the job and we have an extensive network of TB clinics and an army of community and field workers. Once the deficiencies listed above are corrected, we can control TB.

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STATE OF PLAY

The rush to overhaul education

The Andhra Pradesh government's hurried education reforms are a cause for worry

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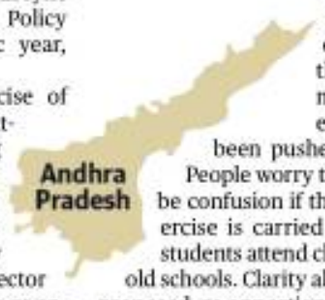
The 2022-23 academic year is likely to be a turbulent one for school education in Andhra Pradesh. The YSR Congress Party government is keen on rolling out radical reforms at an accelerated pace. Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has been saying that a child who walks into a government school should walk out as a global citizen and face the competitive world with confidence. To give shape to his vision, the School Education Department is focused on conceptual learning instead of rote learning. Emphasis is being laid not on evaluating the students on a three-hour examination but on their classroom participation, projects, communication skills, leadership skills and extracurricular activities. The Department has been tasked with implementing a slew of government initiatives in sync with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, this academic year, starting July 5.

Besides the annual exercise of printing and supplying textbooks, officials are burning the midnight oil to complete training teachers in English; expedite the process of mapping Classes 3-5 in primary schools in the government sector to high schools located nearby; re-apportion teaching staff; implement Section 12(1)(C) of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which mandates private, unaided schools to reserve 25% of seats in entry-level classes for children belonging to weaker sections; and bring select schools under the CBSE syllabus.

Educationists say there is too much to do and too little time. They have raised serious concerns about the "incoherence" of the initiatives. They worry that no homework was done before these initiatives were introduced and that the reforms lack sound footing.

The Chief Minister's English medium project was set aside by the High Court and the matter is sub-judice in the Supreme Court. Undeterred, the State has embarked on training teachers in English and has started printing textbooks with lessons in both English and Telugu to facilitate the smooth transition of children to English as a medium of instruction. It also has plans to shift from the State Board to the CBSE in phases.

There is also confusion about the school restructuring programme. The proposal is to categorise educational institutions into satellite foundational schools comprising pre-primary 1 and pre-primary 2, foundation schools comprising Classes 1 and 2, foundation plus schools with Classes 1 to 5, pre-high schools with Classes 1 to 8, high schools with Classes 3 to 10, and high school plus with Classes 3 to 12. Sceptics argue that merging primary classes with high schools would violate the 'neighbourhood school system' endorsed by the RTE Act and result in a higher school dropout rate, especially of girls in remote tribal areas.



The earlier deadline of June 30 for completing the school-mapping exercise has been pushed to July 31. People worry that there will be confusion if the merger exercise is carried out even as students attend classes in their old schools. Clarity also eludes the proposed re-apportionment of the teaching staff, the long-pending transfers, and promotions of teachers.

Two Government Orders which were issued recently, to reapportion teaching staff and to transfer the municipal schools to the administrative and supervisory control of the Department of School Education, have fuelled protests across the State. Teachers are demanding the repeal of these orders saying they will be overburdened and the quality of education will suffer. Given the formidable challenges, it may take a few years at least for the government to achieve its lofty educational goals. Its race against time is ill-advised; instead, it would serve everyone well if the process was gradual with all these concerns addressed.

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DATA POINT

Bazball blitzkrieg

England 's aggressive brand of cricket, under their new coach Brendon McCullum, is off to a rollicking start. After decimating New Zealand ● at home, Bazball, the style of play named after the English coach, claimed its latest victim on Tuesday. Chasing 378 runs, its highest-ever in history, England ● denied India ● a series win. Importantly, England completed the chase under 77 overs at a run-rate of 4.93. Two of its chases against New Zealand too came at rates not commonly associated with Test cricket – above 5.4 runs per over. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

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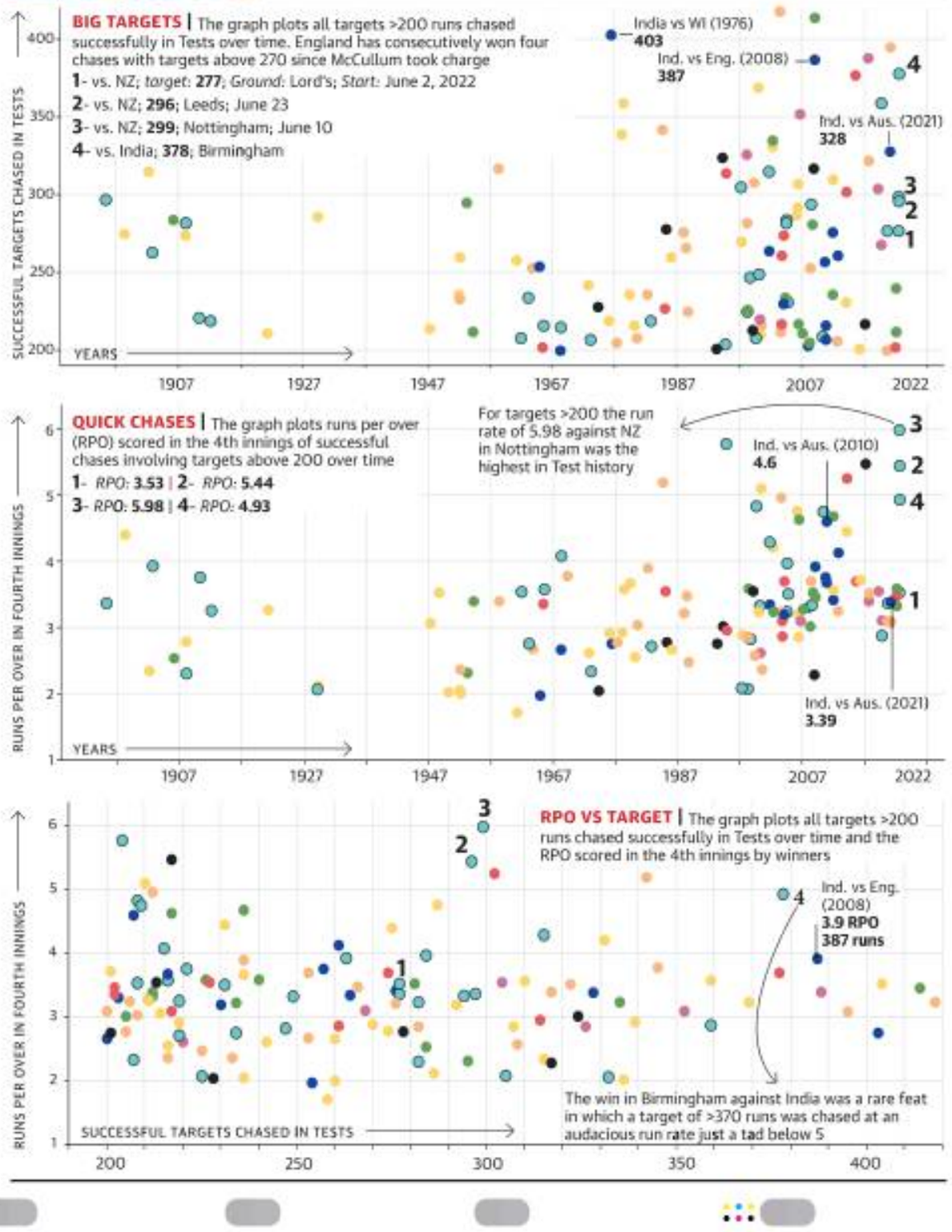

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 6, 1972

Kakuei Tanaka Japan's new PM

Tokyo, July 5: Mr. Kakuei Tanaka, 54-year-old building contractor with practically no formal education, was to-day picked by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to guide the destinies of the world's third largest economic power at least for the next three years. As had been expected, Mr. Tanaka triumphed over his closest rival, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Takeo Fukuda, with a comfortable margin in the elections held to choose a successor to the outgoing Prime Minister, Mr. Sato, at the 27th extraordinary convention of the party this morning. Although there were four contenders for the post of party president – and automatically Japan's Premiership – the race was really between Mr. Tanaka and Mr. Fukuda as the other two candidates, the former Foreign Ministers, Mr. Masayoshi Ohira and Mr. Takeo Miki, were given little chance of winning. None of the candidates got the necessary majority of 239 votes on the first ballot. Mr. Tanaka captured 156 votes and Mr. Fukuda was a close second with 150 while Mr. Ohira made a surprisingly good show garnering 101 votes and Mr. Miki got 59. Under the party's procedures if no one candidate secures a clear majority on the first ballot the top two contenders vie for this post in the second ballot. In to-day's case the outcome of such a second ballot was not hard to predict in view of an electoral alliance which Mr. Tanaka had forged earlier with Mr. Ohira and Mr. Miki under which factions led by the latter two had agreed to vote for Mr. Tanaka in case of a second ballot.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 6, 1922

Karachi Port Trust

The Port Trust have appointed a Committee to report on the subject of increasing the number of Indians in the higher grade of service and or the question of representation of Indian Commercial interests on the Trust Board. Apropos Government resolution sanctioning the Port Trust to raise a loan of 25 lakhs of rupees the Board has resolved that further extensions of port facilities will be required on the completion of the Sukhur Barrage and that the development scheme now under consideration should no longer be delayed. They disagree with the Bombay Government's view that the prosperity of Karachi Fort depends mainly on the wheat export trade and point out that it lies in the expansion of its general trade, while wheat export can only be regarded as a means of supplementing port revenue.

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Raipur police stranded; U.P. team detains anchor

He said senior police officials in Ghaziabad could not be reached, but they had lodged a complaint via e-mail. Nipun Agrawal, Superintendent of Police (City), Ghaziabad, said Mr. Ranjan was wanted by the Gautam Buddha Nagar police and they had only facilitated the process.

Ranvijay Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Noida told *The Hindu* that Mr. Ranjan had been detained in connection with an FIR lodged on Tuesday morning against two producers by the Zee management under Section 505 (2) (statements creating or promoting enmity between different classes). He confirmed it was for the same alleged doctored video for which the Chhattisgarh Police were seeking Mr. Ranjan's custody. "Mr. Ranjan's name has also cropped up during interrogation and his organisation has given a complaint seeking an investigation of his role," Mr. Singh said.

Mr. Singh said that after the interrogation, it would be decided whether he needed to be arrested and presented in court. "The duration of the interrogation depends on the gravity of charges. In this case, there are many things that need to be corroborated," Mr. Singh said. He said they were answerable to the State government. "The U.P. Police followed the law and it was a mere coincidence that the two teams reached at the same time for the same case," he said.

Reacting to the development, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the U.P. Police had "deliberately interfered" with an ongoing investigation to "shield an accused". "They have deployed state machinery, without cause or explanation, to hide an individual accused of serious offences from a legitimate investigation. What is it that their political masters are afraid of being uncovered through an investigation," Mr. Ramesh asked.

Describing it as an act of wilful contempt of the court's warrant by the U.P. Police and their political masters, Mr. Ramesh said this was also the second time this was happening – the BJP deploying the police force to shield repeat offenders from legitimate investigation and inquiry. "What is this nexus that the BJP is afraid of being exposed? Why doesn't the BJP want purveyors of fake news and false reportage, which can cause serious civil unrest, to be held to account," he questioned.

In Raipur, Additional SP (Raipur City) Tarkeshwar Patel said, "We had an arrest warrant from the honourable court and we had gone to the accused Rohit Ranjan's house to execute it and had taken him into custody. But the local police did not cooperate with our team there and instead obstructed the process of arrest."

Probe BJP's 'terror links', says Congress

Rajasthan Congress chief Dotasra writes to NIA to investigate Attari's connection with ruling party

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Stepping up its attack on alleged terror links of members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Rajasthan Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra on Tuesday wrote to the chief of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to investigate the 'fact' that both Udaipur killer Riyaz Attari and arrested Lashkar-e-Taiba militant from Jammu, Talib Hussain Shah, were members of the BJP.

Separately, the Youth Congress put up hoardings with the photos of Riyaz Attari and Hussian with BJP leaders on a few arterial roads of Lutyens Delhi. "Is this nationalism or terrorism of the BJP," read the posters.

At a press conference at the Congress headquarters, chairman of the media and publicity department Pawan Khera shared Mr. Dotasra's letter in which the Rajasthan Congress chief raised the issue of the BJP's involvement in the Udaipur incident.

The Youth Congress installing a poster claiming the Udaipur accused, Riyaz, to be a BJP member on Tuesday. • K.V. MOORTHY

'Attari is BJP member'

"As per media reports, Riyaz Attari was an active member of the BJP. The kind of politics that the BJP is indulging across the country, it is natural to suspect that the BJP may have had some involvement with this [Udaipur killing] incident," Mr. Dotasra wrote in his letter.

In a scathing attack on the ruling party, Mr. Khera gave a list of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) members who were alleged to have been involved in terror-related activities.

"Former BJP leader and ex-sarpanch Tariq Ahmad Mir was arrested two years ago for procuring weapons for Hizbul Mujahideen 'commander' Naveed Babu. This is the same Naveed Babu who had previously been arrested with DSP Davinder Singh and accused of supplying weapons to terrorists. The NIA has confirmed that Mir is an associate of Mr. Singh. The truth would have come out had the Davinder Singh inquiry been carried through to its conclusion but it was halted midway," Mr. Khera said.

Previous arrest

The Congress leader cited the 2017 arrest of BJP IT Cell member Dhruv Saxena along with 10 accomplices by the Madhya Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad on charges of spying for Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence Directorate and the 2019 arrest of Bajrang Dal leader from Madhya Pradesh, Balram Singh, in a terror-funding case.

He also referred to the 2017 sentencing of Assam BJP leader Niranjan Hojai to life imprisonment by an NIA court for participating in a ₹1,000-crore scam to divert government funds to support a militant group.

'BJP-terrorists link'

"One after the other, whether it is Riyaz Attari in Udaipur, whether it is Talib Hussain Shah in Kashmir, and I have given you five more examples. One after the other, you see there is a clear-clear link between these terrorists and the ruling BJP," said Mr. Khera.

He added, "We still don't have answers on why was Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Davinder Singh allowed to go scot free? Why did the Hon'ble LG Mr. Manoj Sinha write in that suspension order, in the removal order, dismissal order that it is in national interest that he may not be investigated further, why? Whose interest was this, was being served here? These are answers that the country now demands".

'SC remarks in Nupur case unfortunate'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Fifteen retired judges, 77 former bureaucrats and 25 former officers of the armed forces have issued an open statement against the "unfortunate and unprecedented" comments made by a Supreme Court Bench of Justices Surya Kant and J.B. Pardiwala while hearing a plea filed by former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who is facing criminal action following her alleged televised remarks on Prophet Muhammed.

Refusing to entertain her plea to club the multiple first information reports (FIR) registered against her in various States, the Vacation Bench had made scathing oral remarks about Ms. Sharma, including that she was "single-handedly responsible" for the violent protests which followed.

The open statement said the remarks from the Bench had "sent shockwaves in the country and outside". "By no stretch these observations, which are not part of the judicial order, can be sanctified on the plank of judicial propriety and fairness. Such outrageous transgressions are without parallel in the annals of judiciary," the statement said. The observations made had "no connect jurisprudentially with the issue raised in the petition". The statement goes so far as to say that the court's observations could be perceived as a "virtual exoneration of the dastardliest beheading at Udaipur in broad daylight".

"In the annals of judiciary, the unfortunate comments have no parallel and are indelible scar on justice system of the largest democracy. Urgent rectification steps are called for as these have potentially serious consequences on democratic values and security of the country," the statement said.

She, by approaching the top court to club the FIRs registered, had only sought to exercise her fundamental right against double jeopardy under Article 20(2) of the Constitution.

Man wraps food in paper with Hindu gods; arrested

Police invoke Sections 153A and 295A

ANUJ KUMAR
GHAZIABAD

The Uttar Pradesh police have arrested an eatery owner for allegedly wrapping food items in old newspapers with images of Hindu gods and goddesses. The family of the accused has, however, denied the charge.

"We had received complaints from locals that Talib Hussain was wrapping chicken and other non-vegetarian food items in newspapers with photos of Hindu gods and goddesses," said Sambhal Circle Officer Jitendra Kumar. "As it is a sensitive matter and can hurt the religious feeling of a community, we lodged an FIR under relevant sections and sent a team to investigate and collect evidence. The team found newspapers with images of gods being used to pack food items."

Attacked police

On why Section 307 of IPC has been invoked in the FIR, Mr. Kumar told *The Hindu* that Hussain attacked the police team with a knife when it entered the premises.

Apart from the attempt to murder, the Sambhal police have also invoked Sections 153A and 295A of the IPC against Mr. Hussain. "It is a serious matter. People should be sensitive towards each other's faith," added Mr. Kumar.

A member of Hussain's family told local media that the complaint was lodged at the instigation of Hindutva groups.

"We have been running the shop for the last 20 years, and packing food in old newspapers is a usual practice." Hussain's lawyer Danish described the charges as baseless.

Vijay Sharma, district president of the Congress, said Hussain and his restaurant are fairly popular in the city. "It is highly unlikely that a person like him would attack a police team," he said.

Filmmaker booked for alleged insult to deity

Police say content promoted enmity between groups

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI/GURUGRAM

The Delhi Police's Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit has lodged a case against documentary filmmaker Leena Manimekalai for allegedly posting a "derogatory" image of a Hindu deity on her Twitter handle and "promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion".

Leena Manimekalai

The police said Ms. Manimekalai, while sharing the news about the launch of her new documentary film *Kaali*, wrote on June 2: "Super thrilled to share the launch of my recent film - today at @AgaKhanMuseum as part of its "Rhythms of Canada."

A senior police officer said the content promoted enmity between different groups on the grounds of religion,race and so on and was prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony and was likely to disturb public tranquillity. "Such types of posts are likely to cause hindrance in the normalcy process after the disturbances in certain parts of India," the officer said.

The police also added that from the contents of the complaint and the alleged post, *prima facie* an offence under the Section of the Indian Penal Code pertaining to promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion and deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs, has been registered.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Headquarters) Aman Yadav said the complaint was forwarded to the Cyber Cell of the Gurugram Police for action.

Trinamool stand

Meanwhile, the Trinamool Congress distanced itself from the remarks made by MP Mahua Moitra on Goddess Kali.

The comments and her views expressed on Goddess Kali have been made in her personal capacity and are not endorsed by the party in any form, the party said in a statement on social media.

(With inputs from Shiv Sahay Singh in Kolkata)

Two SpiceJet flights trigger safety scare

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

A SpiceJet flight from Delhi to Dubai was diverted to Karachi on Tuesday morning after a snag resulted in an indicator displaying a drop in fuel levels. In the evening, another SpiceJet aircraft from Kandla to Mumbai developed a crack on the outer windshield.

The Dubai-bound Boeing 737 left New Delhi at 7.40 a.m. but made a precautionary landing in Karachi two hours later after the pilots observed a drop in fuel in the left tank.

After the flight landed, the post-flight inspection did not reveal a leak, and the indicator reading turned out to be a false alarm, an airline source said after inspection. The passengers were safely disembarked, and a replacement aircraft sent to Karachi to enable passengers to complete their journey, an airline spokesperson said. A PTI report said the replacement aircraft left for Dubai from Karachi on Tuesday night, ending a wait of nearly 11 hours for the 138 stranded passengers.

In the second instance, the Kandla-Mumbai Q400 flight was at 23,000-ft altitude when the windshield's outer pane cracked, officials said. The pilots then conducted priority landing at the Mumbai airport, they said. The two incidents are the latest in a spate of safety scares involving SpiceJet, which include smoke inside the passenger cabin last week, and pressurisation issues in an incident last month which can lead to drop in oxygen levels and hypoxia among passengers.

Another incident on May 1 resulted in at least two passengers being admitted to the ICU owing to head and spine injuries. This was after the airline's Boeing 737-800 aircraft with 189 passengers encountered turbulence while flying from Mumbai to Durgapur.

ED searches 44 places linked to Vivo

The action is based on a complaint registered at Kalkaji police station in Delhi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday searched 44 locations, including the premises linked to Chinese phone manufacturer Vivo, across 20 States in a case involving Himachal Pradesh-based Grand Prospect International Communication Private Ltd. (GPICPL) that was being run by some Chinese nationals. Among the suspects are three chartered accountants.

"Vivo is cooperating with the authorities to provide them with all required information. As a responsible corporate, we are committed to be fully compliant with laws," said Vivo India's spokesperson.

The ED suspects that a large number of paper/shell companies had been floated to launder funds. Investigations are also under way to determine if money was sent abroad on various pretexts in violation of any law. The agency's probe is based on an FIR registered at Kalkaji police station in Delhi on December 5, 2021, following a complaint from the Deputy Registrar of Companies (RoC), Delhi and Haryana.

The FIR alleged that certain Chinese shareholders of GPICPL were projecting it to be a subsidiary of Vivo and had used forged documents and falsified addresses. During an inquiry, the RoC zeroed in on three Chinese "deep cover resident agents" and also came across evidence indicating that the company's two Chinese shareholders – Zhengshen Ou and Zhang Jie – had used forged documents and declared false addresses to various authorities.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs directed further inquiry into the affairs of the company under the Companies Act. As it turned out, the company was incorporated by Zhengshen Ou and Zhang Jie, both Chinese nationals, in December 2014 with the Himachal Pradesh RoC, showing its registered office in Solan.

Several other documents and applications submitted for getting the director-identification numbers were certified allegedly by chartered accountants Jagmohan Chodha and Ankita Uniyal. Both the professionals have been accused of vetting the documents and filing e-forms despite the knowledge that false information was being submitted to the government agencies.

A Xiaomi spokesperson had then said: "We believe our royalty payments and statements to the bank are all legit and truthful. These royalty payments that Xiaomi India made were for the in-licensed technologies and IPs used in our Indian version products...we are committed to working closely with government authorities to clarify any misunderstandings."

U.P. asks Russian actors to perform Ramleela

Pechnikov played role of Lord Ram

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

After a gap of two years, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has invited a Russian troupe from Moscow to perform in this year's Ramleela celebrations in Ayodhya. The performance of Ramleela by the Russian actors will take place during October 22-28, when the Deepotsav festival will be celebrated in Ayodhya.

Mikhailovich Pechnikov

The visit of the Ramleela troupe is special as it will take place after the pandemic as well as in the backdrop of the Ukraine crisis, which is redefining the India-Russia relationship both at the levels of the governments and people-to-people ties.

Lavkush Dwivedi, Director, Ayodhya Research Institute, which comes under the U.P. Government's Department of Culture, has written to 'Disha: India-Russia Friendship Society of Moscow', inviting the actors to perform in Ayodhya.

Moscow's Ramleela

The Ramleela of Moscow goes back to the 1960s, when Gennady Mikhailovich Pechnikov performed the role of Lord Ram. "Our all-Russian team of performers began Ramleela presentation in 2018 in memory of 'Russian Ram', Pechnikov, who was a guru for many of us who were interested in Indian culture and history," Rameshwar Singh, Disha's director, said.

Pechnikov was a legendary performer, and for many years, he was the only European stage personality capable of playing Lord Ram on stage.

"That is why we dedicate our Ramleela to the memory of 'Russian Ram', Gennady Pechnikov," said Mr. Singh, who along with his wife Nadezda will bring the Ramleela to Ayodhya. The Russian Ramleela was adapted to the European artistic traditions and is presented in a unique classical style. The cast features at least 15 actors, including one who plays the role of Lord Hanuman.

Disha's Ramleela in memory of Pechnikov was presented for the first time at Ayodhya's 2018 Deepotsav, which was followed by a performance at the 2019 Prayagraj Mahakumbh Mela.

This year's Deepotsav is expected to be decorated with one million earthen lamps, *shobha yatras*, and Ramleela performances by troupes from India and abroad.

Minister derided Statute, says Kerala Opposition

Congress, BJP demand his resignation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A video clip showing Kerala Culture Minister Saji Cherian allegedly speaking "disparagingly" about the Constitution has landed the Left Democratic Front government in the State in a fix.

In the video, Mr. Cherian is seen describing the Constitution as "British-crafted and anti-working class". He is heard saying the Constitution "condones exploitation" and is written in a way that helps to "plunder" the people of the country.

Mr. Cherian was speaking at a CPI(M) programme at Mallappally in Pathanamthitta on Sunday. The video clip surfaced on social media on Tuesday, stirring up a political storm in Kerala.

Protests break out

The Congress and the BJP have demanded the Minister's resignation. Congress workers marched to his office in Alappuzha. Bharatiya Janatha Yuva Morcha workers burned Mr. Cherian in effigy in front of the Secretariat.

However, the government dug its heels in on the issue. Mr. Cherian told the Assembly that the media had misinterpreted his words. His speech was not broadcast in its entirety. "I had only remarked that social justice remained a distant dream for most Indians despite 75 years of Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms," he said.

A BJP delegation led by former Mizoram Governor Kummanam Rajasekharan met Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and pressed the party's case for expelling Mr. Cherian from the Cabinet. Mr. Khan later told presspersons that the Raj Bhavan was monitoring the situation.

Webinar for entrepreneurs in investment management

It aims to help businessmen get guidance from experts

STAFF REPORTER
CHENNAI

CFA Institute and *The Hindu BusinessLine* will organise a webinar on "How to become a successful entrepreneur in the investment management industry" which will be held on July 8 at 4 p.m.

The panelists for the webinar include Gajendra Kothari, managing director and CEO, Etica Wealth (P) Ltd, Meera Siva, director, Shelter Venture Fund, Sandeep Gupta, co-founder and chief business officer, BHIVE Investech and Arati Porwal, director, Society Relations, CFA Institute. The webinar aims to help entrepreneurs get insight and guidance from experts and provide a roadmap for them. It will be moderated by Parvatha Vardhini C, Editor - BL Portfolio, *BusinessLine*. To register for the webinar visit: https://bit.ly/3aiMOEH or scan the QR Code.

'Courts give alternative resolution'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Indian courts have promoted alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanism and arbitration-friendly approach, as seen in the Amazon-Future group case, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Tuesday.

He made these comments at Arbitrating Indo-United Kingdom Commercial Disputes, an international conference on arbitration held in London. CJI N.V. Ramana was also part of the conference.

Murmu meets NDA lawmakers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu visited Patna on Tuesday and interacted with lawmakers of the National Democratic Alliance, including Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and sought their support.

Earlier, Mr. Kumar, Deputy Chief Ministers Trakishore Prasad and Renu Devi, State BJP chief Sanjay Jaiswal, former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, Union Ministers Nityanand Rai and Pashupati Kumar Paras and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan welcomed Ms. Murmu at the Patna airport.

"It is my pleasure that a tribal woman is set to become President of India and I've full faith that Ms. Murmu will win the election with a thumping majority," Mr. Kumar said.

Casinos more important than people for govt., says Congress

Party slams withdrawal of GST exemptions on various food items

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Imposing 1.5% goods and services tax (GST) on diamonds while levying 5% on essential commodities such as flour, rice and curd showed the priorities of the Narendra Modi government, the Congress said on Tuesday.

"GST on Health Insurance: 18%. GST on Hospital Room: 5%. GST on Diamonds: 1.5%. 'Gabbar Singh Tax' is a painful reminder of who the PM cares for. A single, low GST rate will reduce compliance costs, prevent govt. from playing favourites & ease burden on poor & middle class families," former Congress president Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

Addressing a press conference, party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said that exemptions had been withdrawn for pre-packed and pre-labelled foodgrains, fish, *paneer*, *lassi*, honey, jaggery, wheat flour, buttermilk, meat and fish that are not frozen and puffed rice (*muri*). They will now be taxed at 5%.

Similarly, hotel rooms with tariff up to ₹1,000 a day will now be taxed at 12%. Rates have been increased to 18% from 12% on products such as printing, writing or drawing ink, knives with cutting blades, spoons, forks, paper knives, pencil sharpeners and LED lamps.

"On the other hand, the Group of Ministers had finalised a uniform tax 28% GST on casinos, horse racing, and lottery. This decision was asked to be reviewed, and the GoM has been given a 15-day period to review its decision," Mr. Vallabh said.

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> RAHUL GANDHI, Congress leader

"What is more important for the government – casinos or the common person? Why were taxes raised across the board with no review of the decision to remove tax exemptions," he asked.

The GST, which was planned as a progressive tax structure, had been so badly mishandled that rationalising it would be a long and painful process, the spokesperson said.

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh tweeted, "People were already hassled by Modi-made inflation. After July 18, they will be further troubled by GST-induced inflation....where have the good days gone?"

PM's 'minority move' aimed at exploring new social equations

Bid to delink the backward sections from the elite concerns

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention at the recently concluded national executive meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Hyderabad, suggesting that the party reach out to the marginalised and "non-elite" sections of minority communities, was not just about the Pasmanda community among Muslims. It was also to explore ways to reach out to Christian communities in States such as Kerala and Goa, even by deploying BJP leaders from Northeast India.

A senior party leader present at the meeting said "the big takeaway from the national executive meet was not just about how to expand the party in geographical areas where the BJP had currently meagre presence but also among communities that have considered the party untouchable till now".

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, it was during the BJP's discussion over the party's byelection wins in Azamgarh and Rampur in Uttar Pradesh (areas with significant minority populations) that the issue came up.

"The Prime Minister made an intervention during U.P. unit chief Swatantra Dev Singh's presentation, that there was a need for exploring new social equations within minority communities, the need to look at communities not as monoliths but with different interests and different positions within the social and economic hierarchies of these communities. That issues on which the elites or different ethnicities of a particular community respond to are different from what the other ethnicities and poor and marginalised within these communities respond to," a senior party leader said, explaining the remarks.

The PM said there was a need to look at communities not as monoliths.

Mr. Modi likened the move to the way social equations and political support have been mobilised within Hindu communities so far. For example, the U.P. BJP appointing a Muslim Minister hailing from the non-Syed category – a clear move to delink the backward sections of minority communities from the concerns and voter mobilisation capacities of the elite in these

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communities.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's intervention during the political resolution was on how certain Assamese Muslim communities were supportive of the BJP compared with the Bengali-speaking ones. Mr. Sarma's speech also underlined that the party had won seats in Muslim-majority areas during the municipal polls, though not yet in the Assembly or Lok Sabha elections, pointing to fact that the issues being voted on in local body polls were different.

Resetting the narrative

Nalin Mehta, political scientist and author of *The New BJP*, said, "By reaching out to Pasmanda Muslims now, Prime Minister Modi is trying to open a new conversation focused on the narrative of empowerment *vis-a-vis* marginalised groups while simultaneously trying to bypass existing elite community representatives. This planned outreach signifies an attempt to reset the BJP's narrative on Muslims and seems to be modelled in many ways on Modi's earlier political push with the Backward Classes among Hindus."

The party's expansion in the Christian-majority areas of Northeast India was also flagged by Mr. Modi, who said the BJP had won seats even in areas where there was a "100% Christian population". "These leaders, he said, should travel to States like Goa and Kerala to speak about the party," a senior party leader shared.

The outreach to Christians is also not a new thing; Mr. Modi had spoken of it in 2016 as well.

Most pertinent, it was the late Manohar Parrikar who had, for the first time in 2012, made inroads into the Christian community in Goa on a strong anti-corruption plank to be elected Chief Minister there.

During the 2013 Assembly election in Karnataka, a couple of BJP MLAs belonging to the Christian community were despatched to speak to community leaders in Mangaluru, but they did not get much response in the polarised coastal belt of the State.

The raising of the issue of reaching out to sections of the minority communities, and basically not treating them as monolithic entities, would be interesting if it had not been mooted at a time when huge protests erupted over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the bulldozing of the properties of minority community members for alleged acts of violent protest. This raises a cloud of doubt over just how much success the move will garner.

Panel suggests increasing tenure of House committees

Calls for a dedicated hour in RS to discuss their reports

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

There should be a dedicated hour during the Rajya Sabha proceedings to discuss the "import and implications" of the reports finalised by Parliamentary Standing Committees, a panel headed by former General Secretary and adviser P.P.K. Ramacharyulu has recommended.

The panel was instituted by Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu in January. The panel, in its extensive report that studied the working of the Rajya Sabha secretariat and other procedural issues, has made 130 recommendations. The report was presented to Mr. Naidu on Tuesday.

According to a press note by the Rajya Sabha secretariat, the committee suggested that the tenure of the Parliamentary committees should be increased from the present one year to two years.

Field visits

Their field visits should also be increased from the present two visits for a maximum of 10 days in a year to three visits and 15 days.

"Given the efforts that go into preparation of reports by the DRSCs and their import and implications, a Committee Hour has been recommended for consideration to discuss select major reports in the Parliament for wider amplification of the content of the reports," the committee recommended.

More accessible

The panel said that these reports should be made more accessible to the stakeholders and general public.

This is the first-ever comprehensive study of the Rajya Sabha secretariat. The study has suggested streamlining of the secretarial work, including disposing of 75% of the issues by lower and middle level in a 10-layer hierarchy that exists in the secretariat at present. The Rajya Sabha secretariat, which started in 1952 with 200 officers and staff, has 1,700 personnel at present.

Twitter moves court over blocking orders by govt.

Comply with laws, says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Alleging "disproportionate use of power", Twitter has moved the Karnataka High Court, seeking review and relief from "overbroad and arbitrary" content blocking orders from the government.

Last month, the Ministry of Electronics and IT had written to Twitter granting it the last opportunity to comply with a series of 'Blocking Orders', while also setting out serious consequences of non-compliance, including initiating criminal proceedings against the firm's chief compliance officer.

A source privy to the development said that due to the seriousness of these threats, the microblogging platform had chosen to challenge several of the 'Blocking Orders' issued under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Noting that in several cases there are demands for entire accounts to be blocked, the source said these orders are being challenged on the basis that they are procedurally and substantially deficient of the Section 69A requirements, demonstrate excessive use of powers and are disproportionate.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar in a tweet said all platforms have the right to approach court but they have unambiguous obligation to comply with laws.

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6.	Package No. 06 (Consists of 14 works)	1500.00	15.00
7.	Package No. 07 (Consists of 7 works)	1000.00	15.00

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **26.07.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on **19.07.2022** at **4:00** pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, (Byatarayanapura Division). (3) Date of Opening of Bids on **27.07.2022** after **11:00** am. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division

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a) **Duration:** Maximum period up to two weeks
b) **Visit Period:** Calendar Year (between January 1 – December 31), 2023.
c) **Mode of Selection:** The selection will be made by a special committee constituted by President INSA.
d) **No. of Scientists to be Selected:** Six
e) **Age:** Upper age limit will be 75 years.
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (South), Lakes Division, Room No. 308, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002
No.: EE-South/Lakes/Tend-01/2022-23 Date: 05.07.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification - Two Cover Tender)
Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below form the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing water body fencing and other works in Mesthripalya Lake.	200.00	3,00,000/-
2	Providing Chain Link Fencing, inlet arrangements and other allied works at Gowdanapalya Lakes in Ward No. 182, Padmanabhanagar	325.00	4,87,500/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Bid documents can be downloaded from **13.07.2022** from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. **(2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **20.07.2022** at **3:00 p.m.** at the office of the Executive Engineer (South), Lakes, BBMP. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **27.07.2022. (4)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer (South), Lakes, BBMP on **29.07.2022** at **4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer (South), Lakes, BBMP

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S/d
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD CIRCLE BHILWARA
No.2176 **Date: 29.06.2022**
:- SHORT TERM Notice Inviting Bid 03/2022-23

Bids for Building works are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM 12.07.2022 (Tuesday). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http:eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate valuse of the procument is 1056.44 Lacs. (Total of 3 bid)

UBN No:-PWD2223WSOB03110, PWD2223WSOB03111 PWD2223WSOB03112

(R.L.Khatik)
Superintending Engineer
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निदेशक, भारतीय अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आई.आई.एस.टी.) (अंतरिक्ष विभाग, भारत सरकार के अंतर्गत एक स्वायत्त निकाय), वलियमला, तिरुवनंतपुरम, केरल के पद हेतु भर्ती/ **RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SPACE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (IIST), VALIAMALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA (AN AUTONOMOUS BODY UNDER DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)**

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Roc.No.PR4/13944/Adv.No.116/PRO/2022, Dated:05-07-2022 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Zone, Lakes Division, Room No.309, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002
No:EE-Bommanahalli/Lakes/Tend-01/2022-23 Date: 05-07-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Zone, Lakes Division, invites tenders on item rate basis from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	**(1)** Improvements to Pathway, Fencing and Other Works in Akshayanagara Lake. **(2)** Providing Water Body Fencing, Security Room and Other Works in Gubbalalu Lake. **(3)** Providing Outer Body Fencing, Improvements to Walkway and Other Works in Dorekere Lake. **(4)** Providing Outer Body Fencing, Improvements to Walkway and Other Works in Basapura Lake-2. **(5)** Providing Inlet, Outlet arrangements, Outer Body Fencing, Pathway Improvements and Other Works in Kammanahalli Meenakshi Lake **(6)** Providing Water Body Fencing, Pathway Improvements and Other Works in Yelenahalli Lake. **(7)** Providing Water Body Fencing, Security Room cum Toilet Block and Other Works in Doddakallasandra Lake. **(8)** Providing Water Body Fencing, balance Outer Body Fencing and Other Works in Konappana Agrahara lake. **(9)** Walkway Improvements, Security Room and Other Works in Subramanyapura Lake. **(10)** Providing Fencing to Kembathahalli Lake. **(11)** Improvements to Parappana Agrahara Lake. **(Package-1)**	**1260.00**
2	**(1)** Developmental Works in Beretana Agrahara Lake (Chowdeshwari Layout). **(2)** Developmental Works in Konanakunte Lake. **(Package-3)**	**1200.00**

EMD (Rs. in Lakhs) : Rs. 15.00 Lakhs each for works at Sl.No. 1 to 2 (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement and **Rs. 14.00 Lakhs** in the form of BG)

Calendar of Events: 1) Bid Document may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 14-07-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **21-07-2022 at 15.00 Hrs. at Office of the Executive Engineer (Bommanahalli), Lakes, BBMP. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted Online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 30-07-2022. 4)** Technical Bid will be Opened on **01-08-2022 at 16.30 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Bommanahalli), Lakes, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Bommanahalli), Lakes Division, BBMP.

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Heavy rain in Mumbai; roads water-logged

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

As heavy rain lashed Mumbai and parts of coastal Maharashtra, the State's newly sworn-in Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Tuesday rushed to the Disaster Management Cell of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and took stock. He directed National Disaster Response Force teams to relocate the people to safe locations in the areas of Konkan where heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected. Mr. Shinde said that around 3,500 people in different parts of the State had been relocated to safer areas following heavy downpour.

The India Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert in Mumbai for the next three or four days. On Tuesday, several areas of Mumbai such as Sion and Chunabhatti witnessed water-logging. Central Railway said that its services on were running with delays but trains were not held up anywhere.

Centre asks States to boost paddy sowing

There has been a 27% fall in the sown area to 43.45 lakh hectares till July 1 this season, show data

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre has asked the State governments to take steps to increase the sowing of paddy in the wake of reports that the sown area has shrunk.

At a conference of State Food Ministers on food and nutrition security of India here on Tuesday, Union Minister of Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal said the international demand for rice and wheat had increased, and asked the States to increase the sowing of paddy in this kharif season.

The Centre's data say that paddy has been sown on 43.45 lakh hectares till July 1, which is 27.05% less than the 59.56 lakh hectares during the corresponding period of 2021. "We request the States to increase the sowing of rice," Mr. Goyal said. He added that when wheat sowing began in October during the rabi season, the States should increase the sowing as demand for wheat had increased globally.

Arresting a slide: Worker transplanting paddy saplings at Kallepully in Palakkad, Kerala. • K.K. MUSTAFAH

Meanwhile, the Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat governments urged the Centre not to supply wheat in place of rice. Gujarat Food Minister Nareshbhai Patel and Uttar Pradesh's Minister of State for Food & Civil Supplies Satish Chandra Sharma urged the Centre to reconsider the decision to replace wheat with rice. "In areas like Saurashtra, people prefer wheat to rice. The Centre has assured us they will consider replacing rice with ragi and other millets," Mr. Patel told *The Hindu*. Kerala Food Minister G.R. Anil said the State had requested increased rice allocation.

The meeting discussed nutritional safety, particularly on fortified rice. Mr. Anil said though Kerala was ready to distribute fortified rice through its public distribution outlets, the State preferred indigenous varieties of rice which naturally contained nutrients. "We have asked the government to consider such varieties of rice rather than going for fortified rice," he added.

Mr. Goyal pulled up the States for not submitting their food Bills to the Centre. He said some States had submitted Bills since 2004 and said all Bills must be cleared by August 15. States such as Bihar, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh cited delays in audit clearance. Mr. Goyal offered them assistance in taking up the matter with the Comptroller and Auditor-General. He criticised States such as Telangana, West Bengal and Rajasthan which did not send Ministers to the conference.

NFSA ranking

Odisha secured the first rank for the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA). Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh stood second and third, respectively, in the index prepared by the Centre, which was released by Mr. Goyal. Among the special category States, Tripura secured the first rank. Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim stood at the second and third positions.

Mr. Goyal said the ranking would lead to a healthy competition among the States. The Centre would launch a similar ranking for procurement too. "The Index denotes only the efficiency of TPDS operations, it does not reflect the level of hunger, if any, or malnutrition, or both, in a particular State or Union Territory," the index report said.

The findings showed that most States fared well in digitisation, Aadhaar seeding, and e-POS installation. "However, States and Union Territories can improve their performance in a few areas. Exercises such as conducting and documenting social audits thoroughly and operationalising functions of State food commissions across States and Union Territories will further bolster the true spirit of the Act," the report added.

More time to respond to Centre's policy on disabled

Draft calls for more preventive steps

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

After several stakeholders demanded more time for a response, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has extended the time for the public to submit comments on the draft national policy for persons with disabilities, which was published last month, by a week, with officials saying it could be extended further.

On Tuesday, the department of the Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry said in a tweet that the last date for sending in comments on the draft policy had been extended from July 9 to 15 "in view of the representations received from various stakeholders/organisations".

The draft calls for expanding the disabilities prevention programme of the Health Ministry from "traditional causes" to other causes, including malnourishment and medical negligence. The policy also advocates for making vehicles more accessible for the disabled, saying the "Ministry of Road Transport and Highways will issue necessary guidelines for making modification in the personal vehicles being used by persons with disabilities as per requirement."

According to activists who raised the demand and officials, the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre is working on a sign language translation of the policy in video form. A department official said the video would be released by July-end.

A.S. Narayanan, president of the National Association for the Deaf, said he had written to the Secretary of the department, Anjali Bhawra, on June 20 asking for the policy to be translated into a sign language video. "We would like to bring to your attention that deaf people from organisations are struggling to fully read and understand it," the letter said.

Modi, Xi may meet amid busy diplomatic calendar

They are expected at SCO meet in Uzbekistan in September

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is expected to attend the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Bali this week, along with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, as Ministers of the world's largest economies are hosted by Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi.

The meeting on July 7 and 8 comes ahead of two summits: the G-20 summit in November this year, and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of State Council in Uzbekistan in September where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will come face-to-face with Chinese President Xi Jinping for the first time since the April 2020 stand-off at the Line of Actual Control.

Pakistan's new Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is also expected to attend the SCO Council meeting on September 15 and 16.

India to host two events

Diplomatic sources told *The Hindu* that both summits will be held in person for the first time since the COVID pandemic and Mr. Modi has already been invited to both. India will host the SCO meet and the G-20 Summit in 2023, making Mr. Modi's presence more important.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Brazil in 2019. • PTI

Mr. Jaishankar will also attend the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting in Tashkent on July 28 and 29, which will set up the SCO Heads of State Council meeting due to be held in the historic city of Samarkhand on September 15 and 16 this year, where Mr. Modi is invited along with Russian President Putin, Chinese President Xi, Pakistani Prime Minister Sharif and heads of Central Asian States.

A high-level meeting on Afghanistan will also be held in Tashkent on July 27 and 28, where NSA Ajit Doval or Mr. Jaishankar will attend, the first time India will speak at the forum after reopening the Indian Mission in Kabul under the Taliban regime last month.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto is also expected to attend the SCO meetings. While Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi have not spoken or met directly since the LAC stand-off and the Galwan killings, they have attended multilateral events in virtual format in the past two years. Prior to that, the two leaders had met 18 times, many of those on the sidelines of SCO, G-20 and BRICS summits.

Announcing Mr. Jaishankar's visit to Bali on Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs said he will hold several bilateral meetings with his counterparts from other G-20 members-states and invited countries but officials declined to confirm whether a separate bilateral meeting will be held with the Chinese Foreign Minister.

This is the first time both Ministers will see each other since Mr. Wang's visit to Delhi in March this year. In Washington, the U.S. state department announced that Mr. Blinken would meet Mr. Wang on the sidelines of the G-20 meeting.

Navy eyes govt. route to buy carrier-based jets

Pact with France or U.S. likely as India's indigenous aircraft carrier gets ready for commissioning

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The Navy is looking for an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with either France or the U.S. to procure new fighter jets to operate from its aircraft carriers, as the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier *Vikrant* is all set to be commissioned next month coinciding with 75 years of Independence, naval officials said on Tuesday.

The Navy also has a Russian-origin carrier, *INS Vikramaditya*, in service.

"There has been an operational demo by Dassault Rafale and Boeing F-18. Trials are done. Because the Navy required aircraft which can take off from its carriers...The report is yet to come in on the op-demo. Once that comes in, we will do a staff evaluation. Preferably it will be an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) case. That is the recommendation from the Navy," said Commodore Pankaj Chauhan, in-charge of Air Acquisition at the Naval Headquarters.

Elaborating, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice-Admiral S.N. Ghormade said the trials of Rafale and F-18 Super Hornet had been done to prove their capability to operate from aircraft carriers.

"Our aim is indigenisation. We have a twin-engine deck-based fighter plan but it will take some time," he said, referring to the new indigenous jet under development, adding in the interim they are looking for an aircraft from among the two to meet their requirements.

The indigenous aircraft carrier *Vikrant* at the Cochin Port after its successful maiden sea voyage. • THULASI KAKKAT

"The report is yet to come in on the operational demonstration," he stated on the selection process. In 2017, the Navy floated the Request for Information (RFI) to procure 57 twin-engine carrier fighter which is now set to be downsized to 26, including a few twin-seater trainer variants. A final decision on the number would be taken soon, officials said.

Vikrant, constructed by Cochin Shipyard Ltd, was set to go for the final round of sea trials this weekend, officials said.

After that it would be handed over to the Navy, which would conduct the aviation trials that would go on for over a year. The carrier is set to be commissioned in early August for which the dates are being worked out.

Father, daughter fly in same fighter formation of IAF

Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma and Flying Officer Ananya Sharma create history with the rare feat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma, a seasoned fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), and his daughter, Flying Officer Ananya Sharma, commissioned as a fighter pilot in December 2021, created history in the annals of the Indian Air Force by flying in the same fighter formation. On May 30, 2022, they flew in the same formation of Hawk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT) at the Air Force Station, Bidar. "Flying Officer Sharma is currently undergoing her training before she graduates onto faster and more superior fighter aircraft of the IAF. There has not been any previous instance in the IAF where a father and his daughter were part of the same fighter formation for a mission," an IAF officer said.

"It was the mission where Air Cmde. Sanjay and Fg. Offr. Ananya were more than just a father and daughter. They were comrades, who had full faith in each other as fellow wingmen would," the officer noted. Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma was commissioned in the fighter stream of the IAF in 1989 and has had an extensive experience in fighter operations, having commanded a MiG-21 squadron as well as a frontline fighter station.

Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma with Flying Officer Ananya Sharma. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Having grown up in the IAF, Ms. Ananya Sharma could not imagine being part of any other profession, he said, adding that as the first women fighter pilots of the IAF entered service in 2016, Ananya saw that her lifelong dream could now take off.

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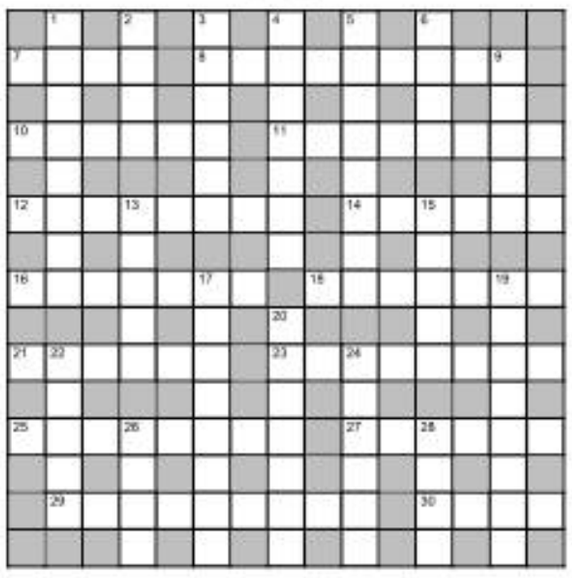

Across

7 Miss foreign language outreach programme, for starters (4)
8 Feline creature consumed limb, for instance, and cheese (9)
10 One Chinese in Quebec makes tart (6)
11 Drive in Spanish vehicle to obtain snail (8)
12 Gloomy king's round hat (8)
14 Alien following stag gets container (6)
16 Mummy gets acorn ground to prepare confectionery item (7)
18 Hates German examinations (7)
21 Claim eagle is flying around top of lamp-post (6)
23 Bachelor gets tea endlessly around university for bread (8)
25 Pascal dislikes gifts (8)
27 Not flat? Odd?! (6)
29 No, racists can manufacture some flaky pastry (9)
30 Animals present in new estate (4)

Down

1 Degeneration of macula around beginning of October after commencement of genetic disease (8)
2 Extended play by in-charge is heroic (4)
3 That chap with setter follows Supreme Court plan (6)
4 European representative by mistake losing third letter for ruler (7)
5 Friendly and competent to carry mineral (8)
6 Expensive honey (4)
9 Metro venue contains store of delightful things (5)
13 Lie idly after commencement of bright fire (5)
15 Papa, after evicting Turkish leader from Mediterranean island, gets pancake (5)
17 Old founder of Pennsylvania on eastern steam ship shows receptivity (8)
19 Wrongly treated, holding end of coat and torn (8)
20 Lab yams can be of poor quality (7)
22 At first, let yellow reporter imitate chant in song (5)
24 Girls carrying midget making pig-like noises (6)
26 In absence of Nina, son-in-law may become unhurried (4)
28 Watched journalist holding yesterday's edition at first (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13600

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Model of right conduct

The concept of dharma is subtle and deep, and though it may not be possible to define it specifically, it is intuitive and embedded in human consciousness. All sacred texts reflect various aspects of dharma in different contexts and the Ramayana is full of instances that illustrate how dharma has to be the way of life for all, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse.

It is held that the Vedas came down as the Ramayana when the Supreme Lord incarnated as Rama, the very embodiment of dharma. In the Ayodhya Kanda, when Rama is told of the cancellation of the Pattabhishekam and of His 14-year period of exile in the forest, Rama's conversations with Kaikeyi, Kausalya, Lakshmana, Sita and others reflect the various nuances of dharma and its practice in human life. Rama leaves the entire kingdom and all the comforts that went with it without a second thought. He tells Kaikeyi that He is a sage at heart and does not hanker after material possessions. He never compromises in His commitment to dharma. He faces the ups and downs of forest life with equanimity. He has controlled his senses. For the sake of his father, he renounces all and has no regrets on this count.

Lakshmana is angry and wants to imprison Dasaratha, Kaikeyi, and if necessary Bharata and anyone who stood in the way of Rama's crowning. Though he is on edge to do all this, he seeks Rama's permission. Is this not testimony to the fact that he respects Rama and wants to follow His word? His behaviour at this juncture reflects the inherent sense of dharma in all of us that binds the child to the parent, the disciple to the preceptor, the subjects to the king, etc. Rama gently pacifies Lakshmana and tells him that it is their prime duty to abide by their parents' bidding.

Police arrest suspect in July 4 firing

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HIGHLAND PARK

The suspected gunman who opened fire on a July 4 parade in a wealthy Chicago suburb planned the attack for weeks and wore women's clothing to aid his escape, the police said on Tuesday.

Robert Crimo, 21, who lived in Highwood, just north of Highland Park, where the shooting occurred, was arrested on Monday after six persons were killed and more than 30 wounded during an Independence Day parade.

Police spokesman Christopher Covelli said no motive had been established for the attack, in which the gunman fired dozens of semi-automatic rounds from a rooftop into the crowd of paradegoers.

"We do believe Crimo pre-planned this attack for several weeks," Mr. Covelli said.

"We have no information to suggest at this point it was racially motivated."

"Crimo was dressed in women's clothing and investigators believe he did this to conceal his facial tattoos and his identity and help him during the escape with the other people who were fleeing the chaos," he said. Mr. Covelli said Crimo went to his mother's nearby home after the shooting and borrowed her car. He was captured about eight hours later after a brief chase.

In another July 4 shooting, two police officers were wounded when they came under fire during a fireworks show in Philadelphia.

U.S. President Joe Biden voiced shock and vowed to keep fighting "the epidemic of gun violence." "I'm not going to give up," he said.

Sweden, Finland sign protocol to join NATO, await ratification

They can now participate in NATO meetings, have greater access to intelligence

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BRUSSELS

NATO's 30 allies signed an accession protocol for Finland and Sweden on Tuesday to allow them to join the nuclear-armed alliance once allied Parliaments ratify the decision, the most significant expansion of the alliance since the mid-1990s. Separately, the bloc's Deputy Secretary General Mircea Geoana said that NATO has no current plans to send troops to Sweden and Finland.

"We don't plan to have an additional presence in either country, they have formidable national forces. They're capable of defending themselves," Mr. Geoana said in a telephone interview.

In Brussels, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, alongside the Foreign Ministers of Finland and Sweden, said: "This is truly an historic moment". "With 32 nations around the table, we will be even stronger," he added.

Welcoming to fold: NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg, centre, with the Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Finland in Brussels. •REUTERS

The protocol means Helsinki and Stockholm can participate in NATO meetings and have greater access to intelligence but will not be protected by the NATO defence clause that an attack on one ally is an attack against all until ratification. That is likely to take up to a year.

"Thank you for your support! Now the process of ratification by each of the allies begins," Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde said on Twitter. "Look forward to working together in ensuring our collective security."

Turkey's warning

However, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned on last Thursday at a NATO summit in Madrid that said Finland and Sweden must first keep the promises made to Turkey in a deal or ratification will not be sent to the Turkish Parliament.

Mr. Erdogan and his Finnish and Swedish counterparts had agreed on a series of security measures to allow the two Nordic countries to overcome the Turkish.

According to the memorandum, Finland and Sweden pledged not to support the Kurdish militant PKK and YPG groups or the network of U.S.-based cleric Fethullah Gulen.

China backs Pak. in opposing G20 meetings in Kashmir

It's 'aimed at highlighting the nationalist identity of the BJP'

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's state media and officials have lent support to Pakistan's opposition to India hosting any G20-related meetings in Jammu and Kashmir next year.

Those statements came even as the Chinese government has hailed the completion of its first major hydropower project under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on the Jhelum river on the border of Punjab and the western part of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), what Pakistan calls "AJK". The dam was built by China Three Gorges Corporation.

"India's objective in doing so is clearly to force the international community to recognise India's control and even 'sovereignty' over Jammu Kashmir.... Involving Jammu Kashmir in such an important international conference could also be claimed as a diplomatic victory for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of India and is supposed to bring a boost to its domestic support," said a commentary on Tuesday in the Communist Party-run *Global Times*, by Qian Feng, director of the research department at the National Strategy Institute at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

China had called the G20 a premier forum for economic and financial cooperation.

Holding G20-related meetings there – the main summit in 2023 is expected to be held in New Delhi – as well as the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019 were "operations aimed at highlighting the nationalist identity of the BJP, as a representative of Hindu interests", he said.

The comments underlined the Chinese views on the Kashmir issue that have only got sharper in recent times, particularly since 2019. Beijing said in that year that it opposed the reorganisation and subsequently raised the issue at the UN. The remarks also bring to the fore an increasingly close China-Pakistan tandem – coinciding with CPEC projects in PoK – on Kashmir, an issue that Beijing had largely been reluctant to wade into over the past two decades.

'Avoid unilateral moves'

The Chinese Foreign Ministry on June 30 said "parties concerned need to avoid unilateral moves that may complicate" the dispute. "The G20 is the premier forum for international economic and financial cooperation. We call on all major economies to focus on steady recovery of the world economy, avoid politicising relevant cooperation and make positive contribution to improving global economic governance," spokesperson Zhao Lijian said.

Asked about China's opposition to G20 meetings in Kashmir on the one hand and its continuing projects there on the other, Mr. Zhao said, "What you mentioned are two matters completely different in nature. China has undertaken some projects in Pakistan to help it grow its economy and improve people's livelihood. These projects are in Pakistan-occupied areas of Kashmir.... This does not affect China's position on the Kashmir issue."

'Manila-Beijing ties are about more than conflict'

Outreach comes before Wang Yi visit

REUTERS
MANILA

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Tuesday said he wanted ties with Beijing to be about more than a South China Sea dispute, and stressed the need for multilateral engagement in dealing with conflicts.

"We have our relationship not only on one dimension," Mr. Marcos told a news conference ahead of a visit by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Mr. Marcos said he would try to "find ways to work to resolve the conflicts that we have," so ties could normalise after years or maritime disputes.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr

Mr. Marcos has a balancing act in boosting business with China while maintaining close relations with defence ally the United States.

Sloviansk in Donbas sees 'massive shelling'

Russia targets cities held by Ukraine

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Russian forces are pounding Sloviansk with "massive" shelling, its mayor said on Tuesday, as the eastern Ukrainian city becomes Moscow's next target in its campaign in the Donbas region.

"Sloviansk! Massive shelling of the city. The centre, the north. Everyone, take shelter," Vadim Lyakh wrote on Facebook.

Ukrainian authorities have on several occasions urged Sloviansk residents to leave the region as the frontline approaches the city following Russia's capture of Severodonetsk and Lysychansk in the neighbouring region of Lugansk.

Russian bombardment has killed at least six persons and injured another 19 since Sunday in the city with a pre-war population of around 1,00,000.

Sloviansk and regional administrative centre Kramatorsk remain under Ukrainian control and are Russia's next goals in its campaign to conquer the eastern Donbas region.

In 2014, pro-Moscow separatists briefly took control of Sloviansk in their conflict with the authorities in Kyiv.

Blinken to hold talks with Wang Yi

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will hold a rare meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of a regional conference in Bali this week, the State Department said on Tuesday.

Mr. Wang and Mr. Blinken will meet on the sidelines of a Group of 20 ministerial meeting on the Indonesian resort island, the State Department said, amid high tensions on a range of issues including Taiwan.

The meeting comes as U.S. President Joe Biden voices hope for a new conversation in the coming weeks with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The State Department said that Mr. Blinken will also hold talks with his Indonesian counterpart and then travel Saturday to Thailand for a visit that was cancelled last year after an outbreak of COVID in the top U.S. diplomat's delegation.

Woman mathematician from Ukraine wins Fields Medal

Maryna Viazovska says war has profoundly changed her life

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BERLIN

Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska was named on Tuesday as one of four recipients of the prestigious Fields Medal, which is often described as the Nobel Prize in mathematics.

The International Mathematical Union said Ms. Viazovska, who holds the chair in number theory at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, was being honoured for her work on the densest packing of identical spheres in eight dimensions.

Ms. Viazovska said Russia's attack on Ukraine in February had profoundly changed her life and those of all Ukrainians.

Small respite

"When the war started I could not think about anything else, including mathematics," she said, adding that teaching has offered some respite, however.

Maryna Viazovska

"When I'm in front of class, I have to forget about everything else because I have to be very focused," Ms. Viazovska said. "This made me forget about the fear and pain inside myself."

The other winners were French mathematician Hugo Duminil-Copin of the University of Geneva; Korean-American mathematician June Huh of Princeton; and British mathematician James Maynard of the University of Oxford.

The Fields Medal is awarded every four years to mathematicians under age 40. The recipients are normally announced at the International Congress of Mathematicians, which was originally due to be held in Russia this year but moved to Helsinki instead.

"The ongoing barbaric war that Russia still continues to wage against Ukraine clearly shows that no other alternative was feasible," the president of the International Mathematical Union, Carlos E. Kenig, said.

Ms. Viazovska recently dedicated one of her lectures to Yulia Zdanovksa, a young Ukrainian mathematician and computer scientist from Kharkiv who was killed in a Russian missile attack.

"When someone like her dies, it's like the future dies," Ms. Viazovska said.

Cafes in Iran's Qom closed over veil issue

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

Authorities in Iran have closed three coffee shops in the central city of Qom because female customers were not wearing their headscarves, local media reported on Monday.

"Three coffee shops were closed in Qom due to numerous violations, including women's lack of veils and other issues," said a statement by the Revolutionary Guards. "The owners of the cafes were summoned by the police before legal action was taken," the statement added.

Qom, a city revered by Shiites as the site where they believe the twelfth imam of Shiite Islam will return, is located 150 kilometres south of the capital Tehran.

Since the Islamic revolution of 1979, Iranian law has required all women to cover their bodies with loose clothing and veil their heads in public.

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Sri Lanka bankrupt, crisis may last until 2023: PM

'Food, fuel, medicine will be scarce'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka is bankrupt and the acute pain of its unprecedented economic crisis will linger until at least the end of next year, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe told parliament on Tuesday.

The island nation's 22 million people have endured months of galloping inflation and lengthy power cuts after the government ran out of foreign currency to import vital goods.

Mr. Wickremesinghe said the once-prosperous country will go into deep recession this year and acute shortages of food, fuel and medicine will continue.

He said Sri Lanka's ongoing bailout talks with the International Monetary Fund depended on finalising a debt restructuring plan with creditors by August.

"We are now participating in the negotiations as a bankrupt country," Mr. Wickremesinghe said.

Mr. Wickremesinghe said the IMF expects Sri Lanka's economy to shrink by 7% this year, even worse than the dire forecasts issued by the country's central bank.

The Prime Minister also said that inflation could climb above 60%.

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TENDER NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ECONOMICALLY VIABLE PROJECTS FOR LANDS BELONGING TO SECUNDERABAD CANTONMENT BOARD AND PREPARATION OF DPR, SECUNDERABAD, TELANGANA.

1. Online tenders are invited from interested firms / agencies for "Appointment of Consultant for Consultancy services for preparation of feasibility study for economically viable projects for lands belonging to Secunderabad Cantonment Board and preparation of DPR, Secunderabad, Telangana".

Description of tender	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of tender form (inclusive of GST) (in Rs.)
Appointment of Consultant for Consultancy services for preparation of feasibility study for economically viable projects for lands belonging to Secunderabad Cantonment Board and preparation of DPR, Secunderabad, Telangana	6,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs only)	11,800/- (Rupees Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) (including GST @ 18%)

2. DURATION OF CONTRACT – 120 days. 3. NO MANUAL BID WILL BE ACCEPTED. 4. SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR e-TENDERING:

CRITICAL DATE SHEET

Sr. No.	Activity	Date	Time
(a)	Publish date	06/07/2022	After 1300 hrs
(b)	Document Download start date	06/07/2022	After 1300 hrs
(c)	Bid submission start date	06/07/2022	After 1300 hrs
(d)	Bid submission end date	26/07/2022	Upto 1500 hrs
(e)	Pre-qualification bid opening date	27/07/2022	After 1500 hrs
(f)	Technical bid opening date	29/07/2022	After 1500 hrs
(g)	Financial bid opening date	30/07/2022	After 1500 hrs

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MARKET WATCH

	05-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,134	-0.19
US Dollar	79.33	-0.48
Gold	52,050	0.003
Brent oil	102.31	-10.05

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	678.75	-3.25
Apollo Hosp	3817.40	47.30
Asian Paints	2766.60	-23.70
Axis Bank	648.50	-5.85
Bajaj Auto	3682.75	3.00
Bajaj Finserv	11524.70	136.40
Bajaj Finance	5661.10	30.80
Bharti Airtel	684.45	2.55
BPCL	313.10	-3.25
Britannia Ind	3656.60	-41.85
Cipla	937.40	6.75
Coal India	182.45	0.40
Divis Lab	3610.05	-29.50
Dr Reddys Lab	4394.20	39.75
Eicher Motors	2805.60	9.20
Grasim Ind	1349.75	-1.05
HCL Tech	982.15	-2.45
HDFC	2202.90	-13.95
HDFC Bank	1352.60	-3.05
HDFC Life	564.85	-9.45
Hero MotoCorp	2737.25	-23.20
Hindalco	345.25	4.75
Hind Unilever	2401.50	26.30
ICICI Bank	719.45	-0.65
Indusind Bank	824.05	-7.95
Infosys	1475.95	-12.05
ITC	286.90	-5.00
JSW Steel	552.65	1.15
Kotak Bank	1663.05	-7.85
L&T	1564.90	-16.80
M&M	1081.95	-9.25
Maruti Suzuki	8348.70	-94.65
Nestle India Ltd.	17985.00	-8.55
NTPC	140.85	-0.55
ONGC	127.40	1.40
PowerGrid Corp	214.15	3.45
Reliance Ind	2433.25	19.55
SBI Life	1111.00	-6.65
State Bank	472.15	-1.30
Shree Cement	19565.75	271.35
Sun Pharma	835.80	6.40
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	729.05	-1.10
Tata Motors	412.00	3.55
Tata Steel	860.15	5.60
TCS	3216.30	-18.75
Tech Mahindra	1003.20	3.25
Titan	1954.25	-8.25
UltraTech Cement	5729.95	20.90
UPL	656.40	1.90
Wipro	413.60	-6.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.17	79.49
Euro	81.49	81.82
British Pound	94.98	95.37
Japanese Yen (100)	58.13	58.36
Chinese Yuan	11.81	11.86
Swiss Franc	81.99	82.33
Singapore Dollar	56.42	56.65
Canadian Dollar	61.18	61.43
Malaysian Ringitt	17.90	17.99
Australian Dollar	53.72	53.95

Source: Indian Bank

PMI pegs services growth at 11-year high

Inflation weighs down business confidence, with just 9% firms foreseeing growth one year later

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India's services firms saw growth in new business and output accelerate to a 11-year high in June, as per the survey-based S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI). The index rose to 59.2 last month, from 58.9 in May, signalling a strengthening in demand across the services sector, which had borne the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With input costs continuing to rise, firms also raised selling prices at the fastest rate since July 2017 as they sought to transfer part of their additional cost burdens to customers, with the sharpest increases in prices being witnessed in transport, information and communication services.

Demand rebound: Consumers are seen spending on contact intensive services that were avoided earlier. • M. PERIASAMY

Higher food, petrol, retail and staff costs were cited by respondents as the reason for raising output prices, with 'unrelenting' inflation concerns dampening overall confidence levels.

Only 9% of firms expect output growth a year ahead. Just 6% of firms hired more employees in June, while the rest left their staff strength unchanged despite higher demand. Overall, employment rose marginally after a dip in May.

"Activity growth in India's service sector moved up a gear... reaching its strongest in over 11 years and surpassing that seen in manufacturing for the third month running," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global.

"Demand for services improved to the greatest extent since February 2011, supporting a robust economic expansion for the sector over the first quarter of 2022-23 and setting the scene for another substantial upturn in output next month," she said. "Consumer services posted the strongest increases in both output and new orders in June, but growth rates quickened across the board," Ms. De Lima added.

ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar said the jump in the services PMI corroborated the rating agency's view that the sector would lead the growth recovery this year.

Pivot to services

"Middle-to-high income households are likely to prioritise spending on contact intensive services, that were avoided during the pandemic, at the cost of consumer durables. This is likely to result in a slower improvement in capacity utilisation levels, modestly delaying the private sector's capex plans amidst the global headwinds and elevated commodity prices," Ms. Nayar said.

Private sector jobs rose in June, following a fractional decline in May, with both manufacturing and services recording slight increases in employment levels.

Rupee falls to 79.33 after June trade deficit widens

Shortfall hit a record high of $25.63 bn

REUTERS
MUMBAI

The Indian rupee fell to a record low against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday as concerns of a wider current account deficit (CAD) came to the forefront after the country's trade deficit hit an all-time high in June.

Data late on Monday showed India's June trade deficit widened to a record high of $25.63 billion, following a rise in crude oil and coal imports, from $9.61 billion a year earlier.

Analysts and economists expect the country's CAD to widen to about 3.2% of GDP in fiscal 2023, from 1.2% in fiscal 2022.

The rupee fell by 38 paise to its lifetime closing low of 79.33. It had closed at 78.95 on Monday.

Analysts are expecting CAD to widen to 3.2% of GDP in fiscal 2023 from 1.2% in FY22

"We expect India's widening current account deficit (CAD) to remain an ongoing drag for INR, with limited offsets from India's FDI and overseas investment inflows, exacerbated by ongoing FPI (foreign portfolio investor) outflows," said Sonal Varma, economist at Nomura.

"We expect USD/INR to reach 82 by Q3 2022 and 81 by Q4 2022. One risk to our view is the RBI's USD selling intervention, which could slow the pace of INR depreciation," she added.

'Work needed to prune GST-exempt services'

GoM vetting rate rationalisation: Bajaj

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A lot of work still needs to be done to prune GST-exempted items, especially in the services sector, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said.

Addressing a CII interactive session, Mr. Bajaj said efforts are on to remove the 'rough edges' in Goods and Services Tax (GST) over the next two-three years.

On rationalisation of GST rates, the Revenue Secretary said a Group of Ministers is looking into it.

"We will have to wait for some time," he said.

Exemptions still remain, a large number on the services side, Mr. Bajaj said, adding 'work needs to be done to prune it.' On representations that 5% GST on non-ICU hospital rooms above ₹5,000 is against affordable healthcare, he said the percentage of rooms in hospitals which charge more than ₹5,000 is 'minuscule.'

Tarun Bajaj

The Revenue Secretary said the 28% slab in GST contributes 16% to the gross GST revenue, while the major chunk of 65% comes from the 18% slab.

China said to plan $75-bn infra fund

REUTERS
BEIJING

China will set up a state infrastructure investment fund worth 500 billion yuan ($74.69 billion) to spur infrastructure spending and revive a flagging economy, two people with knowledge of the matter told Reuters on Tuesday.

China's economy has started a slow recovery from the supply shocks caused by extensive lockdowns since the second quarter, although headwinds to growth persist, including from a still subdued property market, soft consumer spending and fear of any recurring waves of infections.

The fund is expected to be set up in the third quarter, the sources said.

PV retail sales continued to see strong demand in June: FADA

Poor sentiment, high costs hit two wheelers, says Gulati

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Passenger vehicles (PVs) continued to see strong retail demand in June, with sales of commercial vehicles also seeing growth for the first time since the start of the pandemic, according to dealers' association FADA.

However, two-wheeler sales continued to remain under pressure due to poor market sentiment, high cost of ownership and inflationary pressures. As per data from the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), passenger vehicle registrations rose 40.2% to 2,60,683 units in June, compared with a year earlier.

The figures reflect a 27% increase over sales seen in June 2019. Two-wheeler sales grew 20.2% to 11,19,096 units. However, compared with June 2019, sales were 16.4% lower.

"The PV segment continued to see robust growth," FADA President Vinkesh Gulati said in a statement. "An increase in wholesales shows that semiconductor availability is now [easing]. Waiting period, especially in the compact SUV and SUV segments, continued to remain high. New vehicle launches are seeing robust booking," he added.

He said poor market sentiment, especially in rural India, high cost of ownership, inflationary pressures and June generally being a lean month due to the rains impacted two-wheeler sales.

"The commercial vehicle (CV) segment showed strength for the first time as it grew 4% compared [with] June 2019, a pre-COVID month," he said. CV retail sales jumped 89% year-on-year to 67,696 units.

Govt. extends duty relief on cotton import

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

The government has extended the import duty exemption for cotton to October 31.

In a notification dated July 4, the Ministry of Finance said the import duty exemption that was given for cotton till September 30 has been extended to October 31.

Industry sources said the trade and industry had contracted 17 lakh- 18 lakh bales of cotton from other countries so far this season. With container shortage, only about 15 lakh bales would reach India by September. The balance would land only later and hence, it was essential to have the duty exemption extended till October.

IN BRIEF

Britannia investors nix ₹5,000-cr. board plan

NEW DELHI

Britannia Industries' shareholders voted against a resolution to authorise the board to make investments, give loans and provide guarantees of up to ₹5,000 crore in the annual general meeting concluded last week. PTI

Hyundai India's Director Production Mani quits

CHENNAI

Hyundai Motor India on Tuesday announced that its Director (Production) S. Ganesh Mani had quit his post to pursue newer opportunities. HMI shared a mutually enriching relation with Mr. Mani over the last seven years and his valuable contributions had significantly added to HMI's operational excellence at its Sriperumbudur plant, the company said in a statement.

Truecaller aims to widen India 'success'

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Driven by success for its 'Truecaller for Business' offering in India, the Stockholm-based caller identification platform Truecaller plans to double down on newer markets such as South Africa, Egypt and Israel to grow the service, a top company official said.

"India is our biggest market, powered by over 220 million users," said Priyam Bose, Global Head, GTM, Truecaller for Business, India. "However, we are also scaling across other focus international markets such as South Africa, Egypt, Israel and parts of Southeast Asia," he added.

CG Power tags key areas for advanced products

'Working on sector-specific approach'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd. (CG), a subsidiary of Tube Investments of India Ltd., has identified several key focus sectors to offer 'world-class and technologically-advanced products'.

The company has been identifying areas of synergy with Tube Investments and the rest of the Murugappa Group to take 'the pillars of growth much higher in the next three to five years', said chairman Vellayan Subbiah in the 85th annual report.

The company has identified electric vehicles, fast-moving electrical goods, railways, steel, agriculture, pharma, defence, cement and renewable energy as growth drivers.

Vellayan Subbiah

"CG aims to build sector-focussed approach and teams, and has begun its work in this direction," Mr. Subbiah said.

Yes Bank loans rose 14% by June end

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Yes Bank on Tuesday said its loans and advances increased by 14% to ₹1,86,598 crore at the end of June from ₹1,63,654 crore at end-June 2021.

Gross retail disbursements during the quarter more than doubled to ₹11,431 crore compared with ₹5,006 crore by June 30, 2021, Yes Bank said in a regulatory filing.

Deposits of the bank rose by 18.3% to ₹1,93,241 crore as of June 30, 2022, from ₹1,63,295 crore at the end of June 2021. Deposits, however, were down by 2% from ₹1,97,192 crore as of March 31, 2022.

SIA eyes pre-COVID level of flights by Oct. 31

Airline plans more services to Japan

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

Singapore Airlines (SIA) on Tuesday announced that it will return to pre-pandemic level of flights to India by October 31 as part of its strategy to boost flights globally in response to a surge in travel demand.

The plan to ramp up capacity includes progressively operating 17 weekly services to Chennai, up from the current 10 flights per week. Flights to Kochi would go up to 14 times weekly, up from the current seven flights per week. Bengaluru would see 16 flights per week, up from the current seven flights per week.

Pre-pandemic, the airline operated to seven destinations in India with a total of 96 flights a week.

SIA would also increase services to Japanese cities such as Tokyo and Osaka, and add more flights to Los Angeles and Paris as it plans to take its total capacity to 81% of pre-pandemic levels by the end of the year.

Access Health to hire 18,000 people: Jain

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Access Healthcare, a leading provider of end-to-end healthcare revenue cycle and IT services, plans to hire more than 18,000 people in the next 12 months.

"We are currently hiring at the rate of 1,500 people monthly and investing significantly in technology and automation in our hiring and training processes," Vardhman Jain, Vice Chairman, said. "Over the next few months, we will be adding capacities across locations to support our growth efforts. Our focus will stretch beyond metropolitan cities," he added.

SPORT

Indian women share honours with China

Vandana cancels out Zheng's goal as the team secures a second successive draw

WORLD CUP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AMSTELVEEN

India was held to a 1-1 draw, this time by China, in a Group B match of the FIH women's hockey World Cup on Tuesday.

Jiali Zheng gave China the lead in the 26th minute before Vandana Katariya equalised for India in the 45th minute.

India had drawn 1-1 against Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist England in its tournament opener.

The Indians had a better share of possession in the first two quarters and had more chances, but couldn't translate it into goals.

China, on the other hand, waited for counter-attacks to breach the Indian defence.

Denied: China's Qiuxia thwarts India's Lalremsiami's attempt to score. • AFP

In the ninth minute, Navneet Kaur had the first shot at goal after combining well with Vandana, but her effort was saved by China goalkeeper Liu Ping.

In the 23rd minute, India came close to scoring but the goalpost came to China's rescue. Off the resultant rebound, Jyotika seemed to have found the net but the goal was disallowed after a referral.

India secured its first penalty corner soon after that, but failed to capitalise on it.

China took the lead against the run of play through Jiali Zheng, who shot past Savita Punia after receiving a pass from Xindan Zhang.

Two minutes later, India earned another penalty corner but Monika's attempt was saved by Ping as China went into the half-time break with a slender 1-0 lead.

In the 42nd minute, India got back-to-back penalty corners but wasted both.

Seconds from the end of the third quarter, Vandana deflected home Gurjit's flick as India drew level from a perfectly executed penalty corner.

The fourth quarter was dominated by India as it went on the offensive in search of the winner, but failed to find the back of the net.

India will play New Zealand in its final group match on Thursday.

BATC admits to umpiring error in Sindhu's ABC semifinal

She lost the match when she was in the lead

BADMINTON

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

Badminton Asia Technical Committee (BATC) chairperson Chih Shen Chen conveyed to the double Olympics medallist P.V. Sindhu that after its investigation it was found to be a human error on part of the umpire in the semifinals of the last ABC badminton championship.

Finished with bronze

Sindhu was leading 21-13, 14-11 in the match and the 26-year-old from Hyderabad lost 21-13, 19-21, 16-21 to finish with a bronze.

"The umpire told me you're taking a lot of time but the opponent wasn't ready at that point," Sindhu had said after the match then.

Sindhu. • FILE PHOTO

"But the umpire suddenly gave her the point and it was really unfair. I think that was one of the reasons why I lost. I mean that is my feeling because was 14-11 and could have become 15-11.

"Instead it became 14-12 and she took continuous points. Maybe I would have won the match and played in the final," she had said after the loss.

The letter to Sindhu said that it was an error on the part of the umpire in implementation of Laws of Badminton.

"Unfortunately, at this stage, there is no rectification. However, we have taken necessary steps to avoid recurrence of this human error," it is informed.

"We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused. We feel it is part of sport and that it is accepted in that spirit," the official concluded.

Van Aert wins stage four, extends lead

TOUR DE FRANCE

REUTERS
CALAIS

BelgiumWout van Aert extended his overall lead in the Tour de France when he finished off some sterling team work to win the fourth stage on Tuesday.

Leaves rivals gasping

The Jumbo Visma rider left all his rivals gasping for air on the final hill of the 171.5-km ride from Dunkirk after his team's brutal acceleration blew apart the peloton.

Belgian Jasper Philipsen took second place with France's Christophe Laporte finishing third, eight seconds behind according to provisional timings.

Root and Bairstow pull off a record chase

Their 269-run stand helps England easily achieve the target of 378 and draw the series 2-2

INDIA IN ENG

REUTERS
BIRMINGHAM

England rode on unbeaten hundreds from Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow to pull off its highest successful chase, coasting to a series-levelling seven-wicket victory in the rearranged fifth Test against India at Edgbaston on Tuesday.

Chasing 378 for victory, England went into the final day needing 119 runs with seven wickets in hand.

Unstoppable: Root and Bairstow were hardly troubled by the Indian bowlers as England won at a canter. •GETTY IMAGES

Masterly innings

Root went on to smash a masterly 142 not out, his 28th Test century, forging a mammoth 269-run partnership for the unbroken fourth wicket with Bairstow.

Root's elegant hundred was studded with 19 fours and a six.

Bairstow's unbeaten 114, which included 15 fours and a six, was his second hundred of the match as England triumphed with two sessions to spare.

England's previous highest successful run chase came in 2019 when they reached a 359-run target in an Ashes test against Australia on the back of Stokes' brilliant unbeaten century.

It was a tremendous turnaround by England which conceded a significant first-innings lead of 132.

Root and Bairstow showed the kind of sustained aggression which is quickly becoming the hallmark of this England test team since Brendon McCullum took over as the head coach and Ben Stokes assumed captaincy.

Root grew so much in confidence that he treated Shardul Thakur like a spinner, stepping out against the seamer and then playing an audacious reverse-scoop against him that sailed over for a six. Bairstow brought up his fourth hundred in five innings with a tight single before hitting Mohammed Siraj for three successive boundaries.

Team India fined

India was on Tuesday fined 40% of their match fee and penalised two ICC World Test Championship points for maintaining a slow over-rate by ICC match referee David Boon.

He imposed the sanction after India was ruled to be two overs short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration.

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SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
416 in 84.5 overs
ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS
284 in 61.3 overs
INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
245 in 81.5 overs
ENGLAND — 2ND INNINGS
Target 378
Alex Lees run out 56 *(65b, 8x4)*, Zak Crawley b Bumrah 46 *(76b, 7x4)*, Ollie Pope c Pant b Bumrah 0 *(3b)*, Joe Root (not out) 142 *(173b, 19x4, 1x6)*, Jonny Bairstow (not out) 114 *(145b, 15x4, 1x6)*; Extras (b-8, lb-7, w-3, nb-2): 20; Total (for three wkts. in 76.4 overs): 378.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-107 (Crawley, 21.4 overs), 2-107 (Pope, 23.1), 3-109 (Lees, 24.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 17-1-74-2, Shami 15-2-64-0, Jadeja 18.4-3-62-0, Siraj 15-0-98-0, Shardul 11-0-65-0.

Man-of-the-Match: Bairstow; **Man-of-the-Series:** Root and Bumrah.

England won by seven wickets, five-match series drawn 2-2.

Next match: First T20I: July 7, Southampton, 10.30 p.m. IST.

We let the game slip away: Bumrah

Batters' repeated failures in third innings a concern for Dravid

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

India captain Jasprit Bumrah on Tuesday blamed his side's defeat in the fifth Test to the batting failure in the second innings, saying the team let the match slip away after dominating a major part of it.

"That's the beauty of Test cricket, even if you have three good days. We fell short with the bat yesterday and that is where we let the opposition in," Bumrah said. "But England played really well. We have drawn the series. Both teams played very good cricket and it was a fair result."

Bumrah said he thoroughly enjoyed the captaincy responsibility, adding that it was a pleasure to lead the national team.

Coach Rahul Dravid said the repeated failures of the batters in the third innings of a Test was a matter of concern.

Asked about the reason, Dravid said, "There is so much of cricket that we aren't having any time to reflect. In two days, we will be talking to you about something entirely different." He was referring to the T20I series starting on July 7.

"We have to reflect why we aren't able to bat well in the third innings of a Test and why we aren't able to take 10 wickets in the fourth innings," he said.

Faces say it all: The Indian players would be ruing how they lost the plot from a dominant position. •AP

ICC World Test Championship standings 2021-23

Team	W	L	D	Series	Pts.	%	Penalty overs
Australia	6	0	3	3	84	77.78	0
South Africa	5	2	0	3	60	71.43	0
Pakistan	3	2	2	3	44	52.38	0
India	6	4	2	4	75	52.08	-5
West Indies	4	3	2	4	54	50.00	-2
Sri Lanka	3	3	1	4	40	47.62	0
England	5	7	4	4	64	33.33	-12
New Zealand	2	6	1	4	28	25.93	0
Bangladesh	1	8	1	5	16	13.33	0

AT THE END OF ENGLAND-INDIA SERIES ON JULY 5, 2022

Dropping Ashwin

About R. Ashwin's absence, Dravid said: "It's not easy to leave someone like Ash out in a Test, but when we looked at the wicket on the first day, it had a pretty even covering of grass. We felt that there was enough in it for the fast bowlers."

Dravid smiled when asked about 'Bazball'. "I don't know what it is. The cricket they played for four Tests, chasing like this in the fourth innings, doesn't happen often in this country," he said.

England skipper Ben Stokes said his team was trying to rewrite the way Test cricket is being played in the country.

"We are trying to rewrite how Test cricket is played in England. We want to give some new life to Test cricket. Inspiring the next generation is what we want to do. We want to bring in new fans and want to leave a mark on Test cricket," he said.

Jonny Bairstow, who smashed centuries in both innings, said he just wanted to put the pressure back on the opposition.

"It is great fun at the moment. I have gone back to the basics. The last few years have been tough on me but the last few months have been fantastic."

Warwickshire to probe racial abuse charge

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

An investigation has been launched into allegations of racist abuse aimed at Indian fans during the fourth day of the fifth Test between India and England at Edgbaston, the ECB and Warwickshire County Cricket Club said.

Several Indian fans took to Twitter to report the racist behaviour they endured during play on Monday. They claimed that some British fans hurled racial taunts at them.

Former Yorkshire cricketer Azeem Rafiq retweeted some of the social media posts describing the racist behaviour.

The official Edgbaston Twitter account responded to Rafiq's tweet saying: "We're incredible sorry to read this and do not condone this behaviour in any way. We'll be investigating this ASAP."

Root and Bairstow were brilliant, but India lost it on the fourth day

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

Players know this better than anybody else: cricket is a game of failures. Even the great Don Bradman, who averaged 99.94 in a career of 52 Tests and 80 innings, made just 42 scores over 50. This means he 'failed' about half the time.

Yet, how you fail is important. Often you fail in the same manner in which you succeed, and while England have been given a lot of credit for their 'Bazball' style, the fact is that India, especially on the fourth day of the Edgbaston Test moved away from their own patented, older and successful 'Shazball' cricket.

The first is the entertaining style under England's new coach Brendon McCullum (nicknamed 'Baz'), and the second is the style inculcated by former coach Ravi Shastri. Partly this involves pressing home the advantage ruthlessly. On the fourth day, India looked flat, unkempt and threw wickets away when both runs and batting time were important. From 190 for four, they lost six wickets for 55 to bring England back into the game; an England whose captain had decided to bowl first because they could chase anything in the fourth innings.

England were magnificent. Joe Root's century must rate as one of the finest, full of grace and power and mischief. And with Jonny Bairstow in such stunning form, they deserved to win. It might have been gracious of Bumrah to say that it had been a tough series and the 2-2 result was the fairest.

Yet one can't shake off the feeling that India reneged on Shazball, and a captain leading for the first time was placed in a difficult position. Gone was the aggression and command of the Virat Kohli years – although the then captain did go over the top often – and the team is left with more questions than answers.

To their credit, India, leading 2-1 in the series, did not pack their batting hoping to merely draw at Edgbaston. Most Indian teams of the past would have done that on the bird-in-hand theory. India went for a 3-1 series win, arguing that if it didn't pan out, it would not be the end of the world.

Juxtaposition: England have been credited for their 'Bazball' style, but India moved away from their successful 'Shazball' cricket. •GETTY IMAGES

For that is the nature of Bazball or Shazball cricket – aggression by itself does not guarantee success, sometimes you lose in search of a win. Sometimes an element of uncertainty enters the picture. And you are not sure whether to keep attacking or hold back and let the other team do the running.

When India were in the dumps in the first innings, the two left-handers Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja swung into action with the former playing the kind of shots that give respectability to the T20 approach. But this was not merely hitting and hoping. Pant has a sound defence; he also has a wonderful eye and strong arms that do not worry about fielders on the fence because he knows he can clear them.

In this phase, England seemed bereft of ideas, their skipper confused and their fielding compounded the problem with overthrows. When England were chasing and the Yorkshiremen Joe Root and Bairstow were on top, it was India who looked ragged and out of it.

Clearly neither team has quite mastered this Bazball/Shazball business. Under pressure, both teams floundered in unfamiliar territory. In India's case, there was more than one captain on the field, in England's not even that!

In their second innings, India lost a chance to put the game beyond England. They lost the plot and suddenly looked like a team with not enough batsmen and playing at least one bowler short.

On the fifth morning, the drooping shoulder syndrome so familiar in the past, came to haunt India again. However well Root and Bairstow batted, they were up against some poor bowling and a team that had given up.

In the absence of Rohit Sharma and K.L. Rahul, the batting struggled. The talented Shubhman Gill can expect a talking-to from his coach as can Shreyas Iyer. Hanuma Vihari may have played his last Test; he looked out of place at No.3.

Elephant in the room

And India will have to deal with the elephant in the room – Virat Kohli. Their next Test is in December, but will Kohli do what Cheteshwar Pujara did and play enough first class cricket in the meantime to rediscover his touch and form? A defeat leaves a team with the kind of questions that remain hidden in the euphoria of a victory. And that is not a bad thing.

Both Bazball and Shazball come with a warning: be prepared for the occasional failure. Nothing symbolises this better than the batting of Rishabh Pant. He can win a game off his own bat - or flop spectacularly. The trick, when you fail again, as the playwright Samuel Beckett pointed out, is, "fail better".

Djokovic comes out guns blazing after staring down the barrel at one stage

The Serb loses the first two sets before scripting a remarkable turnaround against Sinner; Sania-Pavic duo moves into the semifinals

REUTERS
LONDON

Just when Novak Djokovic's bad year looked like hitting another low, he salvaged his bid for a fourth successive Wimbledon title by coming back from two sets down to beat Italian Jannik Sinner on Tuesday.

The Serbian top seed was in big trouble against the inspired 20-year-old after being outplayed for two sets, but stormed back to win 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

In the end there was an air of inevitability about the outcome as the battle-hardened 35-year-old seized control to reach his 43rd Grand Slam semifinal and his 11th at Wimbledon. The Serb also extended an unbeaten run at Wimbledon that goes back to 2017 and now stands at 26 matches. Djokovic has not added to his 20 Major titles this year after being deported before the Australian Open following a COVID-19 standoff and losing to Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals of the French Open. He, however, kept alive the prospect of facing the second-seeded Spaniard in Sunday's final with a superb comeback, the seventh time in his career he has won after losing the first two sets. When Djokovic produced a miraculous backhand winner on the slide to earn a break in the seventh game of the fifth set, ending on his belly in a superman posture, Sinner knew that he was facing mission impossible. Djokovic will meet Cameron Norrie, who reached his first Slam semifinal with a 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 win over David Goffin.

Superman! Djokovic showed yet again why he's more dangerous when he's down. •REUTERS

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Men: 1-Djokovic (Srb) bt 10-Sinner (Ita) 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; 9-Norrie (GBr) bt Goffin (Bel) 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Women: Maria (Ger) bt Niemeier (Ger) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; 3-Jabeur (Tun) bt Bouzkova (Cze) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.
On Monday: Fourth round: Men: 2-Nadal (Esp) bt 21-van de Zandschulp (Ned) 6-4, 6-2, 7-6(6).
Mixed doubles (quarterfinals): 6-Sania (Ind) & Pavic (Cro) bt 4-Dabrowski (Can) & 4-Peers (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

On Monday, Rafael Nadal swept into the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-2, 7-6(6) win over Dutch 21st seed Botic van de Zandschulp. The Spaniard, chasing a rare calendar Grand Slam, has got into the groove after a slow start at The Championships.

In the women's section, World No. 2 Ons Jabeur battled back from a set down to beat Marie Bouzkova 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 and set up a semifinal clash against unseeded Tatjana Maria. The 34-year-old German, a mother of two, advanced to her first semifinal at a Grand Slam with a 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 win over Jule Niemeier.

Sixth-seeded Sania Mirza and her Croatian partner Mate Pavic advanced to the mixed doubles semifinals with a hard-fought 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 win over fourth seeds Gabriela Dabrowski and John Peers. This is Sania's best mixed doubles performance at the All England Club. She had made it to the quarterfinals in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

NZ cricketers sign equal pay deal

REUTERS
WELLINGTON

New Zealand Cricket and the players' association signed a five-year deal on Tuesday that will see its women's players at both international and domestic level receive the same match fees as men across all formats and competitions.

"This is the most important agreement in our sport, as it binds NZC, the major associations, and our players at the hip, and sets the foundation to fund, grow and develop cricket," said NZC Chief Executive David White.

"It's a massive step forward and will be a huge drawcard for young women and girls," said White Ferns captain Sophie Devine.

LIVE TELECAST

TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.15 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Wimbledon: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Christophe Galtier named new PSG coach

PARIS

Christophe Galtier has been named on Tuesday the new coach of Qatari-owned French champion Paris Saint-Germain. The 55-year-old Frenchman quit as coach of Nice in June and replaces Mauricio Pochettino, who was released from his duties earlier on Tuesday. Galtier is PSG's seventh coach since the Qataris bought the club 11 years ago and will be expected to finally lift the Champions League trophy.

Richarlison gets a one-game ban

LONDON

Tottenham forward Richarlison was banned on Tuesday from his new club's English Premier League opening game after throwing a smoke canister when playing for Everton last season. Richarlison admitted a charge of improper conduct and was banned for one game and fined £25,000, the English Football Association said in announcing the tribunal verdict. AP

Indians win kickboxing medals

CHENNAI

India's A.B. Vasekaran and V.S. Supraja won two medals each in the World Association of Kickboxing Organisations (WAKO) International tournament in Taskhent, Uzbekistan, recently. While Vasekaran (84kg) won silver medal in kick light and bronze in light contact events, Supraja (70kg) bagged gold in light contact and silver in kick light.

World half marathon cancelled due to COVID-19

PARIS

The World Athletics Half Marathon Championships due to take place in Yangzhou in China this November have been cancelled "as a consequence of the (Covid-19) pandemic" the sport's governing body said on Tuesday. World Athletics took the decision following discussions with the local organising committee and the Chinese Athletics Association. AFP

Sumit Nagal loses early

BRAUNSCHWEIG (GERMANY)

Sumit Nagal was beaten 7-6(4), 6-3 by Oleksii Krutykh of Ukraine in the first round of the €134,920 Challenger tennis on Tuesday.

Other results: $25,000 ITF men, Getxo, Spain: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Alejandro Garcia & Alex Martinez (Esp) bt Sean Hess (Arg) & Adil Kalyanpur 2-6, 7-6(4), [10-3].

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (first round): Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) bt Niki Poonacha 7-5, 7-5.

'Not knowing final opponent helped'

Alfiya says the exposure was enriching as she got a taste of fighting with experienced boxers

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

For someone who got inspired after watching the movie on Mary Kom and whose background resembles World champion Nikhat Zareen, World youth champion Alfiya Pathan is delighted to have begun her journey in elite international boxing with a bang.

Alfiya – who stunned two home boxers, including 2016 World champion Lazzat Kungeibayeva in the final, on her way to win the gold medal in the +81kg category on her senior international debut at the Elorda Cup in Kazakhstan – is eager to make her mark. Looking back at her experience in Nur-Sultan, Alfiya - who was one of the rookie boxers from the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE), Rohtak, to be fielded for exposure - admitted that not knowing much about her final opponent helped her.

Take that: Alfiya, left, says she has worked on her weak areas and improved her performance. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Since my opponents (in the semifinals and final) were from the host country, there was some pressure. I did not know that my opponent in the final was a world champion. It helped me in a way," Alfiya told *The Hindu* after her return on Tuesday.

"The exposure was enriching as I got a taste of fighting with experienced boxers."

Beating the odds is one of Alfiya's traits from childhood. With her family's support, especially her father Akram Khan Pathan, and childhood coach Ganesh Purohit, the Nagpur-based girl took to boxing despite her orthodox background. She went on to claim gold medals at the 2019 Asian junior championships and the 2021 World youth championships.

The setback

Alfiya said a setback made her work harder. "After winning the World title, I lost in the National youth championships in Sonepat. I worked on my weak areas and improved my performance to bounce back and win a better medal now."

Chief National women's coach Bhaskar Bhatt, who was the National youth team's head coach when Alfiya won her World youth title, hopes to see the 19-year-old as a better boxer.

"Alfiya is a confident, focused and self-motivated boxer. She loves to box aggressively and dominate her bouts. She will get better with experience," said Bhatt.

Alfiya looked forward to working with Bhatt again and improving her game at the National camp.

Cycling set to achieve gender parity

UCI announces decision while unveiling qualification systems for Paris 2024

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CALAIS (FRANCE)

Cycling will achieve gender parity for the first time at the 2024 Paris Olympics, the International Cycling Union (UCI) announced on Tuesday while unveiling the qualification systems for the Games.

"The UCI is pleased to confirm that for the first time in the history of the Olympic Games, all cycling competitions will have the same number of male and female athletes on the lists of participants," the UCI said in a statement.

One of the consequences of the levelling up will be a reduction in the maximum number of riders per team for the men's road race, one of the flagship events of cycling at the Olympics.

"A total of 180 qualification places (88 places for each gender, plus two per gender for the host country) will be allocated, with a maximum of eight places - four for men and four for women - per National Olympic Committee (NOC)," the UCI said for the four road races, road race and time trial.

Qualification places will be attributed through the UCI road world rankings for results in 2023.

For the individual time trials, men and women will have 35 places each with a maximum of two athletes per country in each race.

In the 12 track events, 190 qualification places are available on an even split of 95 per gender, with a maximum of 14 places per country –seven each for men and women.

Mountain biking will provide 34 places for each gender and BMX 24.

Court slams AFI for arbitrary selection

Gives time till Wednesday morning to 'revisit the issues that arise'

ATHLETICS

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday come down heavily on the Athletics Federation of India regarding its team selection for the Commonwealth Games, giving it time till Wednesday morning to 'revisit the issues that arise'.

Justice Yashwant Varma, hearing high jumper Tejaswin Shankar's petition challenging his exclusion from the squad despite meeting the qualifying mark, told the AFI to not pick and choose selection rules arbitrarily.

The AFI has been asked to report to the judge at 10.15 am with its reply on the same. "The court heard the case at length today and went through all the selected names and their achievements threadbare. There are quite a few who have been included despite not achieving the qualifying mark set by AFI itself.

"There are others who did not participate in the Inter-State meet. The court was firm that the AFI cannot pick and choose application of its rules," Tejaswin's counsel Malak Bhatt told *The Hindu*.

Willingness

The judge, Bhatt added, directed the AFI to either inform its willingness to do it or else "I will be forced to pass it as part of the court order that everyone who has not qualified should be removed, and you include all these five additional names that have."

Asked about the AFI's contention that they had sought spots from the Indian Olympic Association for the six additional names, Bhatt said the court refused to be drawn into that.

"The court was of the view that it was between the organisers and the IOA and did not have a bearing on the merits of this case, which was about following the AFI's own selection norms," he added.

The court, while allowing the AFI to exercise discretion in selection, was however clear that the discretion did not extend to applying the rules.

"They should include all who qualified and then they can use their discretion to stick to the quota. They cannot be selective with the rules," Bhatt explained.

Among those not qualified are discus thrower Seema Punia and shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor besides javelin thrower Shilpa Rani.

Quartermiler Amoj Jacob is also out with injury.

Those ignored include, besides Tejaswin, long jumper Jeswin Aldrin and marathoners Srinu Bugatha and Anish Thapa.

Towa is Gokulam Kerala coach

Former Cameroonian player takes over from Annese

I-LEAGUE

SPORTS REPORTER
KOZHIKODE

Richard Towa is the new coach at Gokulam Kerala. The Cameroonian takes over from the hugely successful Italian Vincenzo Alberto Annese, who led the club to back-to-back titles at the I-League.

The 52-year-old UEFA Pro license holder from Germany is a former Cameroonian player and featured in 13 internationals. After his stint as a player in the second division of the Bundesliga, he coached various clubs in Germany.

He was the Cameroon Under-23 coach for three years.

Richard Towa. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

For the last couple of years, he has been coaching different top division clubs in Cameroon.

"It is an honour to be part of Gokulam Kerala FC," Towa said. "The club is a champion club in Indian football and I want to make sure the winning streak of the club continues further. This is a new challenge and I believe we can win more trophies together."

"The coach is experienced and his strength lies in nurturing youngsters," said Gokulam's president V.C. Praveen.

"For Gokulam Kerala FC the motto is to develop talents and at the same time win all the titles. We hope that more youngsters will get a chance in the top flight and we also need a hat-trick of wins in I-League. So we believe Richard Towa is the apt profile for that."

Prannoy regains his place in top 20

H.S. Prannoy... resurgent. • AFP

BADMINTON

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Star Indian shuttler H.S. Prannoy on Tuesday regained his place in the world's top 20, riding on his consistent show in the international circuit this season.

The 29-year-old from Kerala, who had played a pivotal role in India's monumental Thomas Cup win in May, improved two places to 19 in the men's singles rankings.

Prannoy, who had reached a career-best ranking of eight in 2018, has been one of the most consistent male shuttlers in the circuit with a series of quarterfinals and semifinals appearance this season.

He is now the third highest ranked Indian male shuttler in the world after Lakshya Sen (10th) and K. Srikanth (11th).

Two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu maintained her seventh spot in the latest chart, while Saina Nehwal also stayed static on 24th.

Treesa and Gayatri duo bows out

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India's Commonwealth Games-bound women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand made a first round exit from the Malaysia Masters badminton tournament, losing to local pair of Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan here on Tuesday.

The Indian pair was outplayed by the Malaysians 14-21, 14-21 in the opening round match that lasted just 33 minutes.

The combination of Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam lost 7-21, 10-21 to Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota of Japan while Pooja Dandu and Arathi Sara went down to Bulgaria's Gabriela Stoeva and Stefani Stoeva 17-21, 17-21.

In the women's singles, Malvika Bansod also suffered a 10-2,1 17-21 defeat against host country's Goh Jin Wei to exit from the Super 500 tournament.

CAF set to launch Super League next year

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The next African Cup of Nations will again clash with the European season and likely give rise to more club vs. country friction and disgruntlement over the release of players after organisers decided to postpone it until January 2024.

CAF also announced on Sunday that its executive committee had given the go-ahead for a new African club Super League to be played from 2023, crucially with the backing of FIFA.

The new Super League will have total prize money of $100 million, CAF President Patrice Motsepe said.

Angelo Mathews cleared to play

Sri Lanka calls up uncapped Theekshana and Wellalage

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Uncapped spinners Maheesh Theekshana and Dinuth Wellalage were on Tuesday drafted into Sri Lanka's Covid-hit squad for the second Test against Australia.

Left-arm spinner Praveen Jayawickrama tested positive for coronavirus after former captain Angelo Mathews had to pull out on the third day of the opening Test with Covid.

Mathews has recovered from the virus and was cleared to play the second Test starting Friday in Galle,

Mathews. • GETTY IMAGES

Sri Lanka Cricket said Tuesday.

"Medical clearance has been given for the player to engage in the game. Accordingly, Mathews will rejoin the team, starting today," a statement read.

The hosts trail 1-0 in the two-match series after going down to Australia by 10 wickets inside three days last week in Galle.

Theekshana and 19-year-old Wellalage are still to make their Test debuts but played key roles in Sri Lanka's 3-2 ODI series triumph over Australia last month.

Left-arm spinner Wellalage was the leading wicket-taker in the series with nine dismissals, one ahead of Australia's Pat Cummins.

Uncapped all-rounder Lakshitha Manasinghe is also in the squad for the match which begins at the same Galle venue on Friday.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

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Bengaluru FC signs Hira Mondal

Bengaluru FC, on Tuesday, announced the signing of full-back Hira Mondal on a two-year deal. The 25-year-old, who most recently turned out for SC East Bengal in the Indian Super League, was named in the I-League's Team of the Season for 2020-21 following a string of stellar performances for Mohammedan SC. Mondal signed a one-year deal with SC East Bengal in 2021 and had a decent season despite the club finishing bottom.

Shubhang scalps as eight as Cambridge CC takes lead

Shubhang Hegde's eight-wicket haul was instrumental in Cambridge CC securing the first-innings lead over Chintamani SA in the KSCA (Group I) first division league.

The scores:

Vultures CC 233 in 69.5 overs (D. Nischal 37, R. Smaran 62, Kruthik Krishna 30, J. Suchith 27, Abhishek Ahlawat 40, H.S. Sharath 4/53) drew with Rajajinagar Cricketers 289/8 in 67.4 overs (S. Nithin 97, Nihal Ullal 28, K. Rohit 65, Melu Kranthi Kumar 51, M.B. Darshan 3/73, Abhishek Ahlawat 3/67).

Social Cricketers 109 in 34.1 overs (Sudhanwa U. Kulkarni 26, K.V. Aneesh 52, Vidwath Kaverappa 3/45, S. Suraj 5/28) & 192/7 in 73 overs (K.V. Aneesh 91, Prithviraj 30, Ritesh Bhatkal 26 n.o., Vidwath Kaverappa 3/46, Suraj S. Kamath 3/28) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 307/9 in 59.3 overs (S.J. Nikin Jose 111, Tanay Valmik 54, M.S. Bhandage 43, Ritesh Bhatkal 3/64).

Friends Union CC (1) 326 in 80.5 overs (Lochan S. Gowda 112, G.S. Chiranjeevi 38, M. Utham Aiyappa 68, Raj Atul Gala 3/47, Thushar Hari Krishna 3/29) drew with Swastic Union CC (2) 325 in 76.5 overs (Aaron Cyril Christie 37, Naga Bharath 43, Gaurav Dhiman 81, Sujay Sateri 27, C.A. Karthik 60, Madhav P. Bajaj 35 n.o., M. Utham Aiyappa 3/78, S.A. Rishi Bopanna 4/79).

Cambridge CC 209 in 61.1 overs (Rajkumar 29, Lochan Appanna 42, L. Saishiv Narayan 60, Likhit Bannur 5/68) & 182/6 in 31 overs (L.R. Chethana 28, Gowtham Sagar 27, Lochan Appanna 49, Shubhang Hegde 48, Suleman Tilagul 3/57) drew with Chintamani SA 134 in 47.1 overs (Abhishek Prabhakar 60 n.o., Shubhang Hegde 8/44) & 93/2 in 22 overs (Abheet Kuthpady 58 n.o.).

Bangalore United CC (1) 161 in 59.2 overs (Yashovardhan Parantap 53, Kishan S. Bedare 47, Bheem Rao 4/68) drew with Swastic Union CC (1) 385/4 in 90.0 overs (R. Samarth 26, E.J. Jasper 170, N.A. Chinmay 67, S. Rakshith 54 n.o.).

Modern CC 236 in 67.4 overs (Mohammed Aqib Jawad 32, Jeswanth Acharya 44, Milind Ramesh 42, Prithvi Sadanand 40, Ronak 44) drew with Mount Joy CC 315/2 in 85 overs (Ayush Shetty 139, Pareexith Okkunda 26, Akshan Rao 122 n.o.).

Monish, Hardin bowl Coles CC to a big win

Fine bowling efforts from Monish Reddy (3/38 & 3/39) and Hardin Raj (4/32 & 4/25) helped Coles CC trump Bangalore SC by an innings and 102 runs in the KSCA (Group I) second division league.

The scores:

Bangalore SC 115 in 53.4 overs (Naveen 25, Monish Reddy 3/38, Hardik Raj 4/32) & 81 in 46.5 overs (Monish Reddy 3/39, Hardik Raj 4/25) lost to Coles CC 298/6 in 47.1 overs (S. Bharath Kumar 100 n.o., K.S. Lankesh 31, K. Arun 72, N.V. Manjesh Reddy 55, K.V. Chethan 4/114).

Bangalore Cricketers 260 in 68.4 overs (Shivratana 60, K.B. Shreyas 47, D. Bharath 31, S. Chethan 29, Clement Rajmohan K 3/49, S. Ankith 3/73) & 5/0 in 7 overs drew with Jawans CC 318 in 70 overs (M.B. Shivam 36, S.H. Swaroop 97, L. Manvanth Kumar 114, Kazi Abrar 29, Kushal Pramesh 5/84).

Jawahar SC (2) 176 in 66.2 overs (K. Rakshith 25, R.V. Nikhil Vedanth 40, R. Ajith 54, Rohith Sundar 34, K. Govrav 6/51) drew with Vijaya CC 256/5 in 81.1 overs (Thippa Reddy 31, P. Dhruv 100 n.o., A. Yuvraj 38, N. Yash 25 n.o.).

Jawahar SC (1) 220 in 60.4 overs (Amod S. Kaluve 35, V. Prithvi 62, K.C. Cariappa 28, Sanjay Kumar Sihag 4/54, T.N. Varun Rao 3/28) & 58/1 in 13 overs drew with Bangalore Occasionals 331 in 71.4 overs (C. Rithin Christy 66, Suraj Ahuja 122, Kush Marathe 96, K.C. Cariappa 3/100, Sourab Muttur 3/6).

Friends Union CC (2) 118 in 55.3 overs (Sidharrth N. Rao 34, Shravan S. Babu 33, S.S. Sumanth 4/17) & 92/0 in 15.2 overs (R. Badrinaryanan 50 n.o., Ravi Kairav Reddy 41 n.o.) drew with Herons CC 268/6 in 63 overs (S.P. Arjun 31, Vineeth Manjunath 57, M. Mohammed Waseef 107 n.o., Aditya Mani 46 n.o., Arjun S. Kumar 3/69).

Jupiter Cricketers Association 288 in 64.1 overs (Chirag R. Nayak 49, S. Sumukha Prasad 27, Desmond Antony 122, A.S. Karna 44, Karan 5/45, V.S. Siddharth 3/48) drew with Wilson Garden CC 383/6 in 85.1 overs (Srujan Nandan 129, Shezan Khan 47, M. Arsalaan 100 n.o., S.A. Sachin 52 n.o.).

Karthikeyan, Anchit star in Jolly Cricketers' success

K.P. Karthikeya's all-round effort (25 & 5/33) and a half century from Anchit (74) helped Jolly Cricketers defeat Visweswarapuram CC (2) by 27 runs in the KSCA (Group I) third division league.

The scores:

Visweswarapuram CC(1) 214 in 38.2 overs (Saurabh Srivasthav 79, Pranesh Desai 56 n.o., Prajwal Krishna 4/42, S.G. Kunal 4/38) lost to Neptune CC 218/6 in 46.3 overs (Rayan Ahmed 45, Yash Jadhav 49, Bharath Prashanth 53 n.o.).

Jolly Cricketers 169 in 39.3 overs (Anchit 74, K.P. Karthikeya 25) bt Visweswarapuram CC (2) 142 in 39.4 overs (Vicky Patil 58, A. Siddharth 27, Shikhar Shetty 3/23, K.P. Karthikeya 5/33).

Hammonds CC 266/8 in 50 overs (Ameet Yadav 27, Dhanush Subramanya 44, Sharana Basava 70, N.G. Kushal 60, Neeraj 28 n.o., Nischal Das 3/46) lost to Malleswaram Gymkhana 267/6 in 48.5 overs (Harshith Poojary 56, Gyan Somaiah 47, Aman Raj 59, Nischal Das 37, Abhilash Fernandes 36).

Saneeth and Rujula triumph

Saneeth S. Dayanand and Rujula Ramu won the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the Yonex Sunrise State-ranking badminton tournament held here.

The results (finals): Singles: Men: Saneeth S. Dayanand bt Pruthvi K.Roy 21-14 21-18. **Women:** Rujula Ramu bt Drithi Yatheesh 22-24, 21-15, 21-9. **Boys u-19:** Ayush R.Shetty bt Tushar Suveer 22-20, 23-21. **Girls u-19:** Neysa Cariappa bt Rujula Ramu 17-21, 22-20, 21-19.

Doubles: Men: H.V. Nithin & Vaibhaav bt S. Kushal Raj & S. Prakash Raj 15-21, 26-24, 23-21; **women:** Apeksha Nayak & Ramya Venkatesh bt Gloria V. Athavale 10-21, 21-15, 21-13; **boys u-19:** Aditya Diwakar & Tarun Basavaraj Morab & A.R. Sumith & Chris Anjen Baptist 16-21, 25-23, 21-15. **Girls u-19:** Gayathri Rani Jaiswal & S. Kamika Sree bt Aradhana Balachandra & Muskaan Khan 21-8, 21-12. **Mixed doubles:** H.V. Nithin & Janani Ananthakumar bt G. Kiran Kumar & Apeksha Nayak 20-22, 21-12, 21-17; **u-19:** Harshvardhan Kothari & Aradhana Balachandra bt Dhanush H. Gowda & Aditi Deepak Raj 23-21, 21-15.